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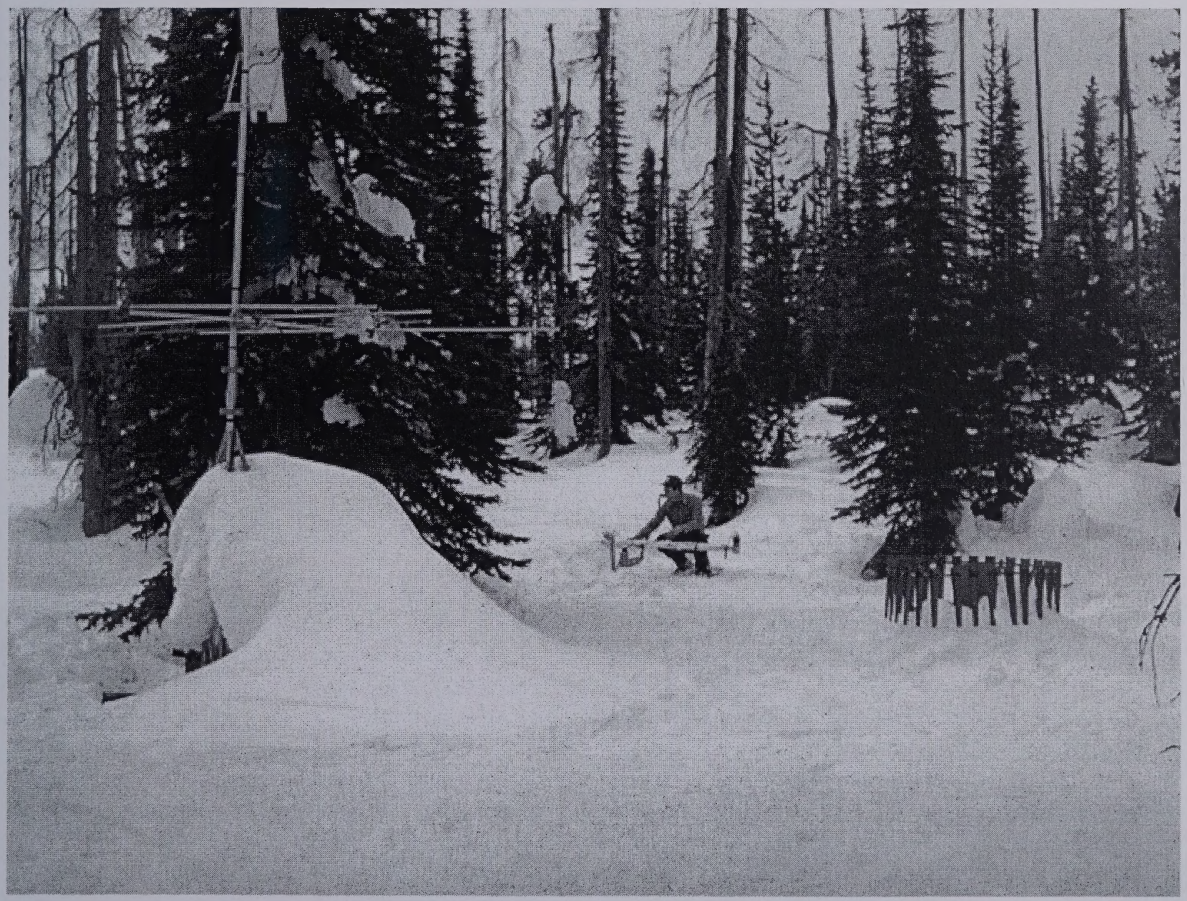

Picture: Black Bear SNOTEL Site - Winter of 1997

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How forecasts are made

Most of the annual streamflow in the Western United States originates as snowfall that has accumulated high in the mountains during winter and early spring. As the snowpack accumulates, hydrologists estimate the runoff that will occur when it melts. Predictions are based on careful measurements of snow water equivalent at selected index points. Precipitation, temperature, soil moisture and antecedent streamflow data are combined with snowpack data to prepare runoff forecasts. Streamflow forecasts are coordinated by Natural Resources Conservation Service and National Weather Service hydrologists. This report presents a comprehensive picture of water supply conditions for areas dependent upon surface runoff. It includes selected streamflow forecasts, summarized snowpack and precipitation data, reservoir storage data, and narratives describing current conditions.

Snowpack data are obtained by using a combination of manual and automated SNOTEL measurement methods. Manual readings of snow depth and water equivalent are taken at locations called snow courses on a monthly or semi-monthly schedule during the winter. In addition, snow water equivalent, precipitation and temperature are monitored on a daily basis and transmitted via meteor burst telemetry to central data collection facilities. Both monthly and daily data are used to project snowmelt runoff.

Forecast uncertainty originates from two sources: (1) uncertainty of future hydrologic and climatic conditions, and (2) error in the forecasting procedure. To express the uncertainty in the most probable forecast, four additional forecasts are provided. The actual streamflow can be expected to exceed the most probable forecast 50% of the time. Similarly, the actual streamflow volume can be expected to exceed the 90% forecast volume 90% of the time. The same is true for the 70%, 30%, and 10% forecasts. Generally, the 90% and 70% forecasts reflect drier than normal hydrologic and climatic conditions; the 30% and 10% forecasts reflect wetter than normal conditions. As the forecast season progresses, a greater portion of the future hydrologic and climatic uncertainty will become known and the additional forecasts will move closer to the most probable forecast.

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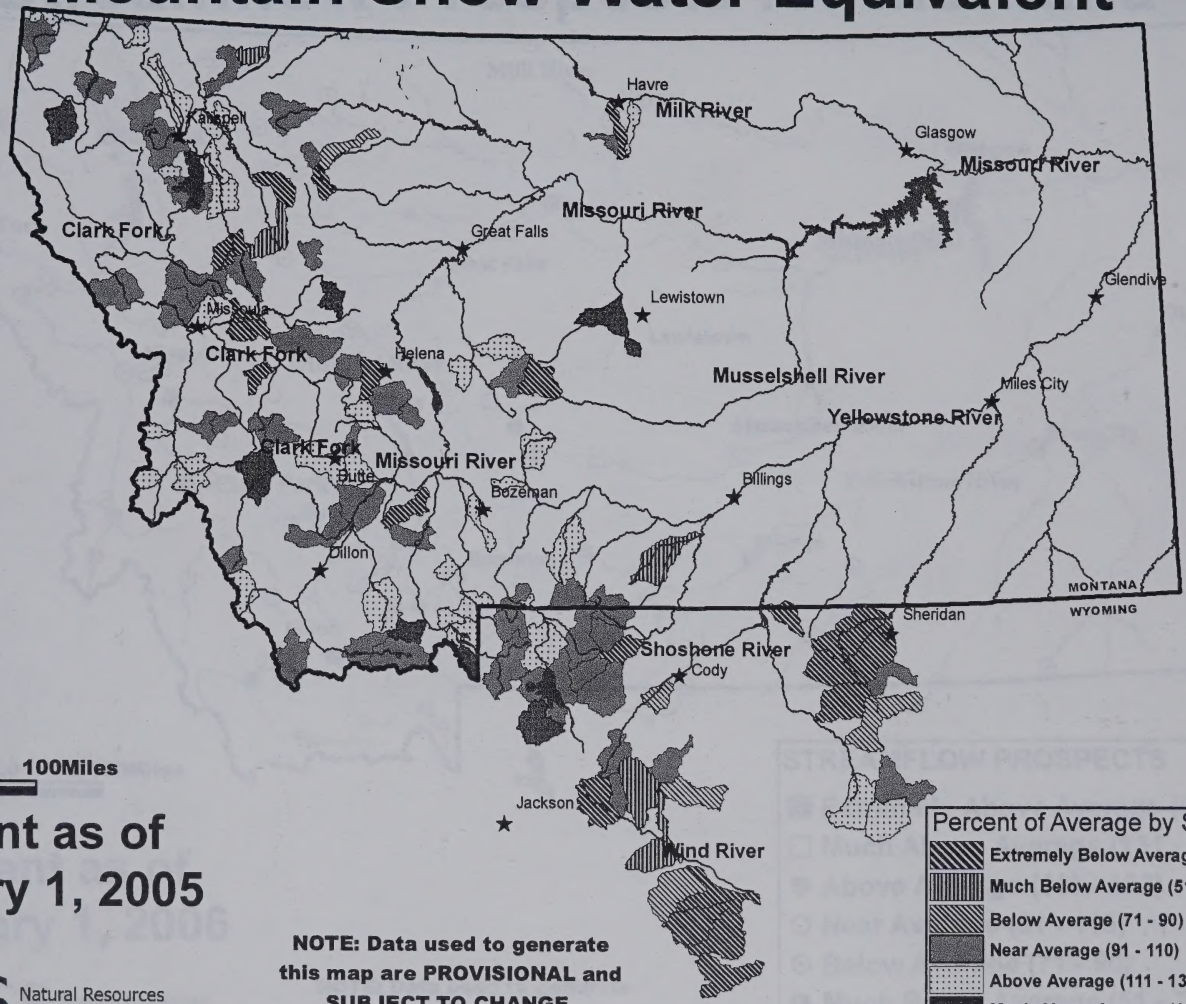
Mountain Snow Water Equivalent



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Mountain Sub-Watersheds

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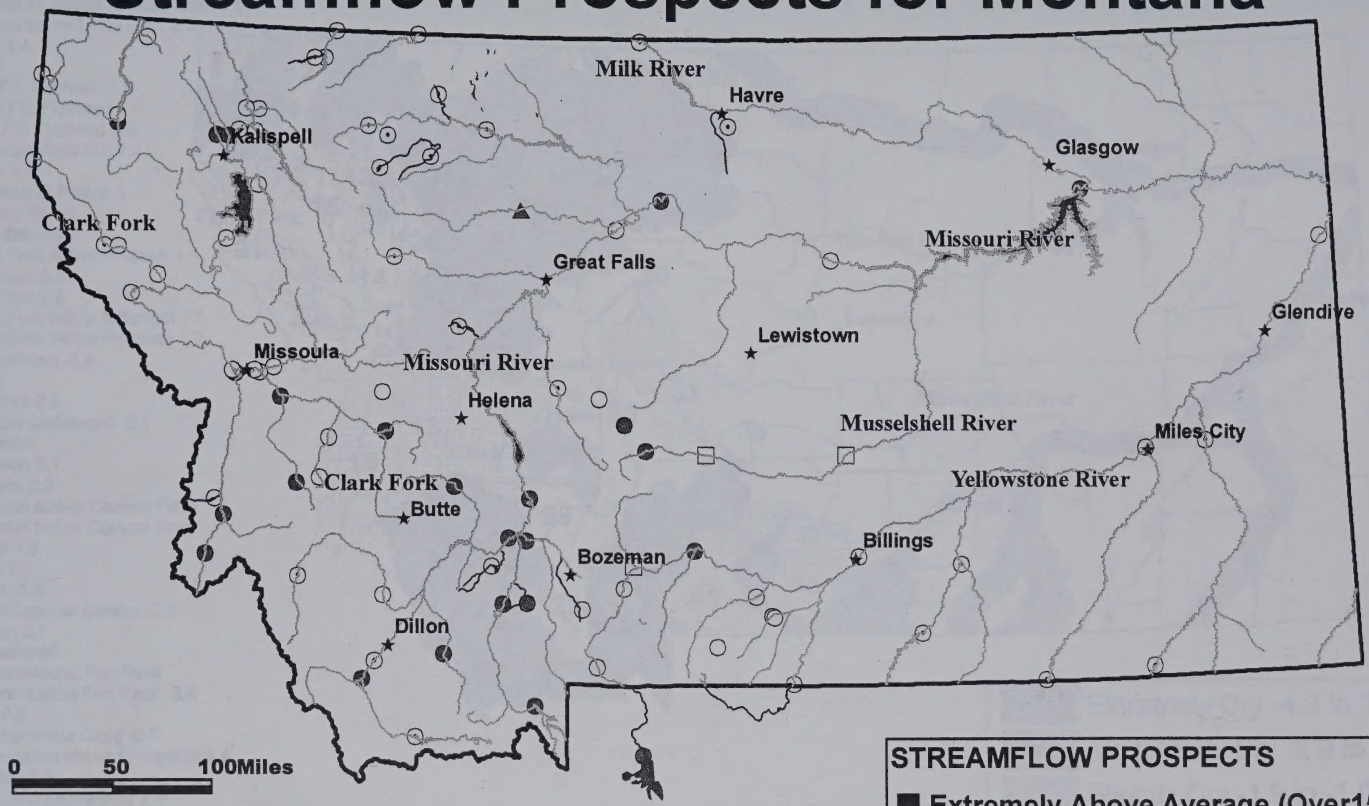
Streamflow Prospects for Montana



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STREAMFLOW PROSPECTS

- ■ Extremely Above Average (Over150)
- □ Much Above Average (131 - 150)
- ● Above Average (111 - 130)
- ○ Near Average (91 - 110)
- ⊙ Below Average (71 - 90)
- ● Much Below Average (51 - 70)
- ▲ Extremely Below Average (Below 51)

Streamflow Prospects for Montana

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) Values

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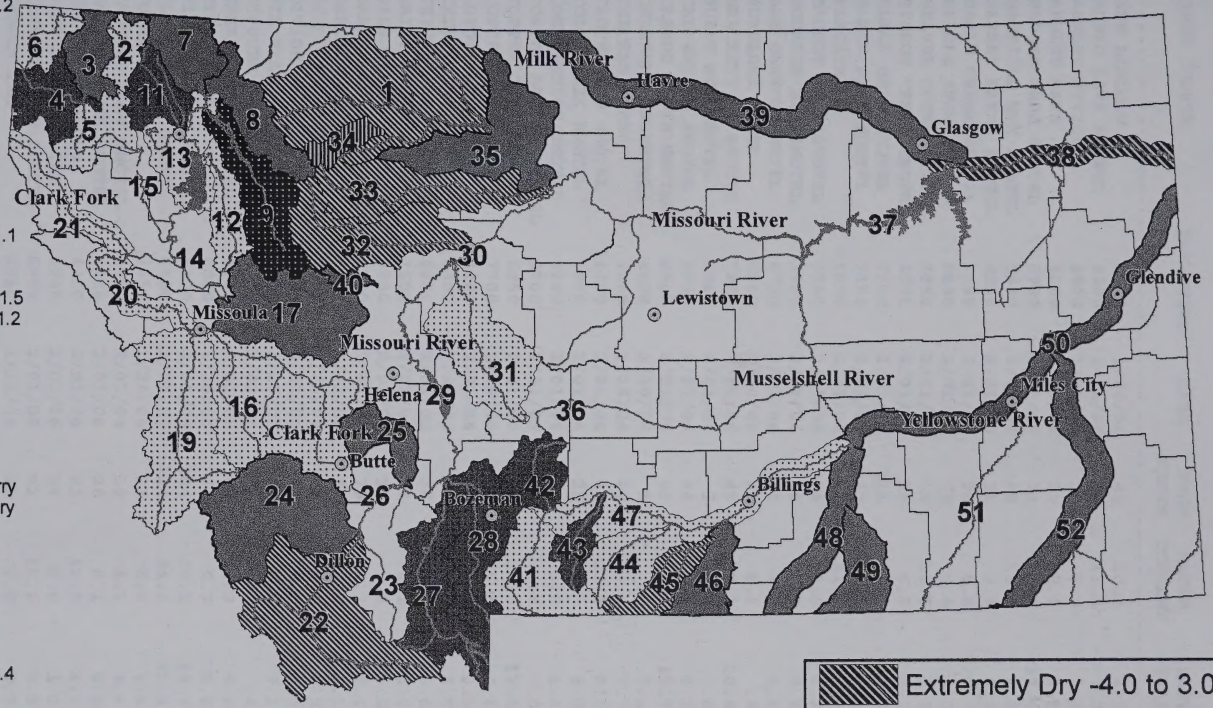

RIVER INDEX & SWSI VALUES

1 Marias above Tiber Reservoir -1.3
2 Tobacco 1.5
3 Kootenai Ft. Steele to Libby Dam 0.9
4 Kootenai below Libby Dam 2.2
5 Fisher 1.4
6 Yaak 1
7 North FK. Flathead 0.8
8 Middle FK. Flathead 0.4
9 South FK. Flathead 3.3
11 Stillwater/Whitefish 2.4
12 Swan 1.1
13 Flathead at Polson 1
14 Mission Valley
15 Little Bitterroot
16 Clark Fork above Milltown 1.1
17 Blackfoot 0.3
19 Bitterroot 1.9
20 Clark Fork below Bitterroot 1.5
21 Clark Fork below Flathead 1.2
22 Beaverhead -1.4
23 Ruby
24 Big Hole 0.6
25 Boulder (Jefferson) -0.1
26 Jefferson
27 Madison 2.1
28 Gallatin 2.2
29 Missouri above Canyon Ferry
30 Missouri below Canyon Ferry
31 Smith 1.8
32 Sun -1.6
33 Teton -1.9
34 Birch/Dupuyer Creeks -2.9
35 Marias 0.1
36 Musselshell
37 Missouriabove Fort Peck
38 Missouribelow Fort Peck -3.4
39 Milk 0.2
40 Dearbornnear Craig -0.7
41 Yellowstone above Livingston 1.4
42 Shields 2.3
43 Boulder(Yellowstone) 2.4
44 Stillwater 1.4
45 Rock/Red Lodge Creeks -1.2
46 Clarks Fork 0.7
47 Yellowstone above Bighorn 1.4
48 Bighorn below Bighorn Lake -0.5
49 Little Bighorn -0.4
50 Yellowstone below Bighorn 0.5
51 Tongue
52 Powder -0.2

0 45 90 Miles

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- Extremely Dry -4.0 to 3.0
- Moderately Dry -2.9 to -2.0
- Slightly Dry -1.9 to -1.0
- Near Average -0.9 to 0.9
- Sightly Wet 1.0 to 1.9
- Moderately Wet 2.0 to 2.9
- Extremely Wet 3.0 to 4.0
- SWSI Not Apllicable

MONTANA SNOW COURSE AND SNOTEL DATA

FEBRUARY 2006

SNOW COURSE	ELEVATION	DATE	SNOW DEPTH	WATER CONTENT	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE 71-00
ABE LINCOLN	4440	1/26/06	43	10.1	4.2	13.7
ALBRO LAKE SNOTEL	8300	2/01/06	44	11.5	7.3	13.1
ASHLEY DIVIDE	4820	1/31/06	20	5.0	.7	5.1
ASHLEY LAKE	4000	2/03/06	19	3.9	1.5	4.4
BADGER PASS SNOTEL	6900	2/01/06	77	20.7	11.6	22.3
BANFIELD MTN SNOTEL	5600	2/01/06	58	13.2	6.3	13.3
BARKER LAKES SNOTEL	8250	2/01/06	38	9.5	5.9	9.2
BASIN CREEK SNOTEL	7180	2/01/06	24	5.8	2.7	4.9
BEAGLE SPGS SNOTEL	8850	2/01/06	28	5.8	5.0	5.5
BEAVER CREEK SNOTEL	7850	2/01/06	58	14.9	9.9	11.5
BISSON CREEK SNOTEL	4920	2/01/06	26	6.7	3.1	6.8
BLACK BEAR SNOTEL	7950	2/01/06	121	37.8	23.8	25.6
BLACK PINE SNOTEL	7100	2/01/06	29	7.3	4.1	8.0
BLACKTAIL	5650	1/31/06	38	11.0	5.6	9.6
BLOODY DICK SNOTEL	7550	2/01/06	36	8.8	4.2	8.4
BOULDER MTN SNOTEL	7950	2/01/06	58	16.7	7.8	13.4
BOX CANYON SNOTEL	6700	2/01/06	31	7.6	4.6	6.7
BOXELDER CREEK	5100	1/30/06	21	6.6	.4	5.2
BRACKETT CR SNOTEL	7320	2/01/06	48	15.2	10.8	13.3
BURNT MTN SNOTEL	5880	2/01/06	5	2.2	.0	--
CALVERT CR SNOTEL	6430	2/01/06	34	8.1	3.3	5.9
CARROT BASIN SNOTEL	9000	2/01/06	86	22.7	13.7	18.1
CHESSMAN RESERVOIR	6200	1/30/06	1	.4	1.1	2.5
CHICKEN CREEK	4060	1/26/06	49	13.2	7.7	11.5
CLOVER MDW SNOTEL	8800	2/01/06	46	12.3	8.5	11.1
COLE CREEK SNOTEL	7850	2/01/06	25	6.3	5.2	9.8
COMBINATION SNOTEL	5600	2/01/06	11	3.0	1.3	3.4
COPPER BOTTOM SNOTEL	5200	2/01/06	25	6.8	.0	8.0
COPPER CAMP SNOTEL	6950	2/01/06	96	34.9	17.5	21.3
COPPER MOUNTAIN	7700	1/26/06	37	8.6	4.6	7.0
COYOTE HILL	4200	1/31/06	30	6.8	3.5	7.3
CREVICE MOUNTAIN	8400	1/28/06	34	8.6	5.8	7.6
CRYSTAL LAKE SNOTEL	6050	2/01/06	38	12.1	5.6	8.1
DAISY PEAK SNOTEL	7600	2/01/06	27	6.1	4.2	6.7
DALY CREEK SNOTEL	5780	2/01/06	29	7.8	5.5	7.4
DARKHORSE LK. SNOTEL	8700	2/01/06	75	22.3	14.4	20.4
DEADMAN CR SNOTEL	6450	2/01/06	32	8.4	5.1	7.1
DISCOVERY BASIN	7050	1/25/06	25	6.2	3.5	6.6
DIVIDE SNOTEL	7800	2/01/06	33	7.6	6.0	6.9
DIX HILL	6400	1/29/06	28	7.6	3.1	7.6
DUPUYER CREEK SNOTEL	5750	2/01/06	5	1.2	.4	7.3
EMERY CREEK SNOTEL	4350	2/01/06	42	11.9	4.9	10.5
FISH CREEK	8000	1/25/06	24	5.9	2.6	5.8
FISHER CREEK SNOTEL	9100	2/01/06	104	30.1	16.7	23.8
FLATTOP MTN SNOTEL	6300	2/01/06	124	34.2	21.4	31.8
FOURTH OF JULY	3450	1/26/06	23	6.0	1.4	6.5
FROHNER MDWS SNOTEL	6480	2/01/06	19	4.7	4.4	5.0
GARVER CREEK SNOTEL	4250	2/01/06	36	8.1	5.0	7.3
GRAVE CRK SNOTEL	4300	2/01/06	43	12.5	6.3	11.7
HAND CREEK SNOTEL	5030	2/01/06	34	8.6	3.0	8.6
HAWKINS LAKE SNOTEL	6450	2/01/06	62	16.6	9.8	18.4
HEBGEN DAM	6550	1/31/06	39	8.6	4.0	8.0
HELL ROARING DIVIDE	5770	1/30/06	85	22.9	13.6	20.7
HERRIG JUNCTION	4850	1/26/06	69	19.3	12.7	18.1
HOLBROOK	4530	1/25/06	21	4.9	1.3	7.2
HOODOO BASIN SNOTEL	6050	2/01/06	122	33.2	17.0	30.1
INTERGAARD	6450	1/28/06	13	3.6	1.0	4.8
JOHNSON PARK	6450	1/27/06	16	2.9	2.5	3.9
KRAFT CREEK SNOTEL	4750	2/01/06	32	8.6	3.7	10.9
LAKEVIEW RDG. SNOTEL	7400	2/01/06	32	7.5	9.3	7.2
LEMHI RIDGE SNOTEL	8100	2/01/06	35	8.4	5.4	6.9
LICK CREEK SNOTEL	6860	2/01/06	22	7.5	4.5	7.4
LONE MOUNTAIN SNOTEL	8880	2/01/06	60	15.2	8.6	12.1
LOWER TWIN SNOTEL	7900	2/01/06	48	12.5	8.5	12.0
LUBRECHT SNOTEL	4680	2/01/06	13	3.6	1.5	4.2
LUBRECHT FOREST NO 3	5450	1/31/06	15	3.3	.6	4.6
LUBRECHT FOREST NO 4	4650	1/31/06	8	2.0	.1	2.5
LUBRECHT FOREST NO 6	4040	1/27/06	10	2.5	.6	2.8

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LUBRECHT HYDROPLOT	4200	1/31/06	18	4.0	1.8	4.2
MADISON PLT SNOTEL	7750	2/01/06	73	20.2	14.0	16.2
MANY GLACIER SNOTEL	4900	2/01/06	26	6.6	1.2	11.2
MARIAS PASS	5250	1/29/06	36	9.4	3.2	11.7
MONUMENT PK SNOTEL	8850	2/01/06	62	17.3	10.3	14.2
MOSS PEAK SNOTEL	6780	2/01/06	91	28.4	17.3	24.6
MOULTON RESERVOIR	6850	1/26/06	29	7.6	2.1	5.2
MT LOCKHART SNOTEL	6400	2/01/06	46	11.6	7.2	14.2
MULE CREEK SNOTEL	8300	2/01/06	41	10.6	5.7	10.4
N.E. ENTRANCE SNOTEL	7350	2/01/06	32	7.2	3.7	7.7
NEVADA RIDGE SNOTEL	7020	2/01/06	38	10.2	6.0	10.1
NEWTON MOUNTAIN	5600	1/25/06	77	23.2	14.7	22.6
NEZ PERCE CMP SNOTEL	5650	2/01/06	46	11.5	5.3	9.9
NEZ PERCE CREEK	6600	1/26/06	25	4.4	1.5	4.3
N.F. ELK CR SNOTEL	6250	2/01/06	31	7.8	5.4	8.0
NF JOCKO SNOTEL	6330	2/01/06	93	30.3	22.5	30.1
NOISY BASIN SNOTEL	6040	2/01/06	109	34.5	19.8	27.0
OPHIR PARK	7150	1/29/06	38	10.9	4.6	10.6
PETERSON MDW SNOTEL	7200	2/01/06	28	6.2	3.5	6.1
PICKFOOT CRK SNOTEL	6650	2/01/06	38	9.6	3.7	7.9
PIKE CREEK SNOTEL	5930	2/01/06	61	17.7	8.1	17.8
PIPESTONE PASS	7200	1/26/06	14	2.7	.5	3.2
PLACER BASIN SNOTEL	8830	2/01/06	52	13.4	8.9	11.7
POORMAN CR SNOTEL	5100	2/01/06	92	28.4	12.3	21.4
PORCUPINE SNOTEL	6500	2/01/06	24	6.6	2.6	4.5
POTOMAGETON PARK	7150	1/31/06	46	12.5	--	--
RED TOP	5260	1/25/06	62	18.5	11.3	18.4
ROCKER PEAK SNOTEL	8000	2/01/06	40	10.4	5.3	9.1
ROCKY BOY SNOTEL	4700	2/01/06	10	3.2	.0	3.7
SACAJAWEA SNOTEL	6550	2/01/06	35	10.8	7.1	8.9
SADDLE MTN SNOTEL	7900	2/01/06	76	19.9	10.2	17.3
S.F. SHIELDS SNOTEL	8100	2/01/06	41	13.2	8.4	10.7
SHORT CREEK SNOTEL	7000	2/01/06	20	4.6	2.8	3.9
SHOWER FALLS SNOTEL	8100	2/01/06	63	16.2	10.8	14.0
SKALKAHO SNOTEL	7260	2/01/06	62	17.1	8.4	16.0
SLEEPING WOMAN SNTL	6150	2/01/06	39	10.0	5.9	10.6
SPOTTED BEAR MTN.	7000	1/25/06	29	7.4	3.4	10.1
SPUR PARK SNOTEL	8100	2/01/06	52	14.9	11.0	14.6
STAHL PEAK SNOTEL	6030	2/01/06	93	27.7	20.2	24.1
STORM LAKE	7780	1/25/06	34	8.9	4.8	8.3
STRYKER BASIN	6180	1/26/06	82	24.4	15.6	21.3
STUART MOUNTAIN SNTL	7400	2/01/06	82	25.5	14.6	22.8
SUCKER CREEK	3960	1/30/06	1	.2	.0	.5
TAYLOR ROAD	4080	1/30/06	11	2.8	.0	2.6
TEN MILE LOWER	6600	1/30/06	20	5.3	1.9	4.7
TEN MILE MIDDLE	6800	1/30/06	28	6.3	3.6	7.1
TEPEE CREEK SNOTEL	8000	2/01/06	49	11.5	7.9	8.5
TIZER BASIN SNOTEL	6840	2/01/06	28	7.0	4.6	6.5
TRINKUS LAKE	6100	1/25/06	96	30.7	19.6	26.6
TV MOUNTAIN	6800	1/25/06	46	11.8	6.6	12.0
TWELVEMILE SNOTEL	5600	2/01/06	57	13.8	5.7	12.8
TWENTY-ONE MILE	7150	1/31/06	53	13.4	9.1	11.1
TWIN LAKES SNOTEL	6400	2/01/06	112	32.4	16.1	27.5
UPPER HOLLAND LAKE	6200	1/25/06	72	19.9	13.5	23.7
WALDRON SNOTEL	5600	2/01/06	25	6.6	3.6	8.0
WARM SPRINGS SNOTEL	7800	2/01/06	52	15.0	7.9	13.8
WEASEL DIVIDE	5450	1/31/06	85	23.6	15.7	21.5
WEST YELL'ST SNOTEL	6700	2/01/06	46	10.7	6.9	8.6
WHISKEY CREEK SNOTEL	6800	2/01/06	55	12.0	9.7	11.1
WHITE MILL SNOTEL	8700	2/01/06	74	19.0	10.8	16.1
WOOD CREEK SNOTEL	5960	2/01/06	25	6.5	4.1	6.3

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January continued the warm weather pattern with strong westerly flow that began in December. Most mountain storm activity remained west of the divide and along the southern mountains east of the divide. January has followed December with above average temperatures with several National Weather Service valley stations setting new record highs. Valley temperatures across the state ranged from 9 degrees above average in southwest Montana to 20 degrees above average in north central Montana, according to the Western Region Climate Center. Temperatures remained cool enough in the mountains so that premature mountain snowpack has not begun. Mountain precipitation for January was generally well above average west of the divide and above average east of the divide. During January, Flattop Mountain, near Glacier National Park, received about 20 inches of precipitation for 198 percent of average, and gained about 6 feet of new snow. On January 1, the site had a snow water content of about 34 inches or 108 percent of average and total depth of snow about 124 inches or 10 feet.

Snowpack

The first of February is when we should have about 60 percent of our seasonal snowpack in place, and 40 percent of our main snowfall period remaining. So far this year, mountain snowpack is well above last year at this time. Statewide, mountain snowpack was 108 percent of average and 176 percent of last year. West of the Continental Divide, snowpack was 105 percent of average and 188 percent of last year and East of the continental Divide, snowpack was 101 percent of average and 146 percent of last year.

RIVER BASIN	% OF AVERAGE	% OF LAST YEAR	JANUARY % CHANGE
COLUMBIA	105	188	+18
KOOTENAI, MONTANA	106	178	+32
KOOTENAY, CANADA	90	106	--
FLATHEAD, MONTANA	104	173	+25
FLATHEAD, CANADA	96	275	--
UPPER CLARK FORK	107	195	-2
BITTERROOT	112	207	+10
LOWER CLARK FORK	108	211	+21
MISSOURI	109	164	0
MISSOURI HEADWATERS	117	158	+3
JEFFERSON	113	166	+4
MADISON	119	154	+7
GALLATIN	120	156	-4
MISSOURI MAINSTEM	96	175	-8
HEADWATERS MAINSTEM	104	176	-6
SMITH-JUDITH-MUSSELSHELL	118	176	-17
SUN-TETON-MARIAS	84	193	+22
MILK	68	182	--
BEARPAW MOUNTAINS	107	--	-21
CYPRESS HILLS, CANADA	26	40	--
ST. MARY	95	181	+39
ST. MARY & MILK	82	175	--
YELLOWSTONE	93	129	-9
UPPER YELLOWSTONE	109	160	-4
LOWER YELLOWSTONE	81	109	-10
STATE-WIDE	108	175	+9

Precipitation

January mountain and valley precipitation across the state was 126 percent of average and 208 percent of last year, while the water year precipitation was 115 percent of average and 154 percent of last year.

West of the Continental Divide, January mountain and valley precipitation was 146 percent of average and 238 percent of last year and the water year precipitation was 112 percent of average and 153 percent of last year. East of the Divide, January mountain and valley precipitation was 104 percent of average and 175 percent of last year and the water year precipitation was 118 percent of average and 156 percent of last year.

RIVER BASIN	JANUARY % OF AVERAGE	WATER YEAR % OF AVERAGE
COLUMBIA	146	112
KOOTENAI	156	111
FLATHEAD	162	115
UPPER CLARK FORK	104	104
BITTERROOT	133	114
LOWER CLARK FORK	156	114
MISSOURI	112	117
JEFFERSON	122	120
MADISON	140	130
GALLATIN	108	126
MISSOURI MAINSTEM	88	109
SMITH-JUDITH-MUSSELSHELL	79	119
SUN-TETON-MARIAS	112	88
MILK	82	110
ST. MARY	179	109
YELLOWSTONE	88	110
UPPER YELLOWSTONE	96	115
LOWER YELLOWSTONE	79	108
STATE-WIDE	126	115

Reservoirs

Major reservoir storages statewide were 85 percent of average and 102 percent of last year. Reservoir storage west of the Continental Divide was 138 percent of average and 98 percent of last year. East of the Continental Divide, reservoir storages were 69 percent of average and 105 percent of last year. Note: These figures do not include state projects.

RIVER BASIN	% OF AVERAGE	% OF LAST YEAR
COLUMBIA	138	98
KOOTENAI	158	100
FLATHEAD	127	95
UPPER CLARK FORK	109	107
BITTERROOT	84	55
LOWER CLARK FORK	104	101
MISSOURI	67	103
JEFFERSON	73	148
MADISON	104	92
GALLATIN	--	--
MISSOURI MAINSTEM	64	104
SMITH-JUDITH-MUSSELSHELL	--	--
SUN-TETON-MARIAS	102	95
MILK	100	111
ST. MARY	154	96
YELLOWSTONE	102	129
UPPER YELLOWSTONE	117	100
LOWER YELLOWSTONE	101	130
STATE-WIDE	85	102

Streamflow

Assuming normal precipitation across Montana, streamflows are forecast to average 86 to 101 percent. West of the Continental Divide, streamflows are forecast to average 94 and 106 percent. East of the Continental Divide, streamflows are forecast to average 81 and 99 percent.

Below are averaged river basin streamflow forecast summaries for the period April 1 through July 31. THESE FORECASTS ASSUME NEAR NORMAL SPRING CONDITIONS AND DO NOT ACCOUNT FOR WELL BELOW AVERAGE (70% or less) OR WELL ABOVE AVERAGE (130% or more) SNOWMELT OR SPRING RAIN. Specific forecast probabilities are available in each individual River Basin Report.

RIVER BASIN	April-July THIS YEAR % OF AVERAGE	April-July LAST YEAR % OF AVERAGE
COLUMBIA	94 to 106	52 to 63
KOOTENAI	93 to 104	69 to 79
FLATHEAD	97 to 107	57 to 66
UPPER CLARK FORK	89 to 106	42 to 57
BITTERROOT	104 to 115	51 to 62
LOWER CLARK FORK	92 to 103	48 to 57
MISSOURI	79 to 99	44 to 61
JEFFERSON	76 to 95	33 to 50
MADISON	108 to 116	78 to 86
GALLATIN	106 to 117	64 to 76
MISSOURI MAINSTEM	92 to 106	50 to 64
SMITH-JUDITH-MUSSELSHELL	97 to 117	39 to 58
SUN-TETON-MARIAS	60 to 79	42 to 59
MILK	41 to 84	31 to 59
ST. MARY	80 to 87	69 to 76
YELLOWSTONE	87 to 99	64 to 76
UPPER YELLOWSTONE	99 to 110	65 to 76
LOWER YELLOWSTONE	70 to 84	63 to 76
STATE-WIDE	86 to 101	51 to 65

NOTE: The APRIL-JULY LAST YEAR % OF AVERAGE column above is what was forecast February 1 last year, NOT what actually occurred.

Surface Water Supply Index

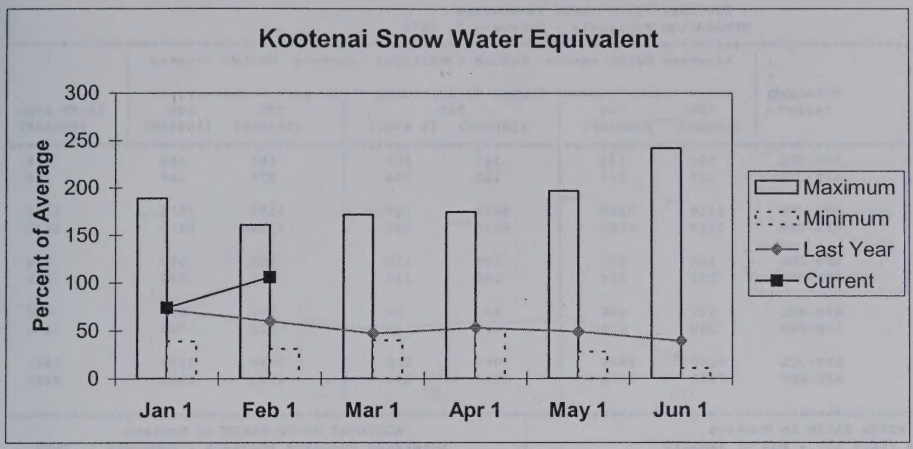
The Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) is a measure of available surface water availability for the spring and summer months. Water users that rely on mountain precipitation can use the index to evaluate seasonal surface water supplies. The SWSI accounts for mountain snowpack, mountain precipitation, streamflow, reservoir storage, and soil moisture.

SWSI RATING	SURFACE WATER CONDITION
+3.0 to +4.0	Extremely Wet
+2.0 to +3.0	Moderately Wet
+1.0 to +2.0	Slightly Wet
-1.0 to +1.0	Near Average
-1.0 to -2.0	Slightly Dry
-2.0 to -3.0	Moderately Dry
-3.0 to -4.0	Extremely Dry

This year SWSI	Last year SWSI	Basin
+1.5	-0.6	Tobacco River
+0.9	-1.1	Kootenai Ft. Steele to Libby Dam
+2.2	+0.2	Kootenai River below Libby Dam
+1.4	-2.5	Fisher River
+1.0	-1.2	Yaak River
+0.8	-2.2	North Fork Flathead River
+0.4	-3.1	Middle FORK Flathead River
+3.3	0.0	South Fork Flathead River
+1.6	-2.1	Flathead River at Columbia Falls
+2.4	-2.6	Stillwater/Whitefish Rivers
+1.1	-3.2	Swan River
+1.0	-2.4	Flathead River at Polson
----	-3.4	Mission Valley
----	-3.8	Little Bitterroot River
+1.1	-3.5	Clark Fork River above Milltown
+0.3	-3.0	Blackfoot River
+1.9	-3.4	Bitterroot River
+1.5	-3.1	Clark Fork River below Bitterroot River
+1.2	-2.6	Clark Fork River below Flathead River
-1.4	-3.8	Beaverhead River
----	-3.0	Ruby River
+0.6	-3.1	Big Hole River
-0.1	-3.7	Boulder River (Jefferson)
----	-3.9	Jefferson River
+2.1	-1.4	Madison River
+2.2	-2.4	Gallatin River
----	-2.5	Missouri River above Canyon Ferry
----	-3.8	Missouri River below Canyon Ferry
+1.8	-2.3	Smith River
-1.6	-3.3	Sun River
-1.9	-3.5	Teton River
-2.9	-3.4	Birch/Dupuyer Creeks
----	----	Upper Judith River
-1.3	-3.8	Marias River above Tiber
+0.1	-3.5	Marias River below Tiber
----	-2.4	Musselshell River
----	-3.3	Missouri River above Ft. Peck
-3.4	-4.0	Missouri River below Ft. Peck
-0.7	----	St. Mary River
+0.2	-2.2	Milk River
-0.7	-3.9	Dearborn River near Craig
+1.4	-2.8	Yellowstone River above Livingston
+2.3	-1.7	Shields River
+2.4	-3.2	Boulder River (Yellowstone)
+1.4	-3.3	Stillwater River
-1.2	-3.5	Rock/Red Lodge Creeks
+0.7	-3.0	Clarks Fork River
+1.4	-2.9	Yellowstone River above Bighorn River
-0.5	-1.3	Bighorn River below Bighorn Lake
-0.4	-2.9	Little Bighorn River
+0.5	-2.2	Yellowstone River below Bighorn River
----	-2.4	Tongue River
-0.2	-1.9	Powder River

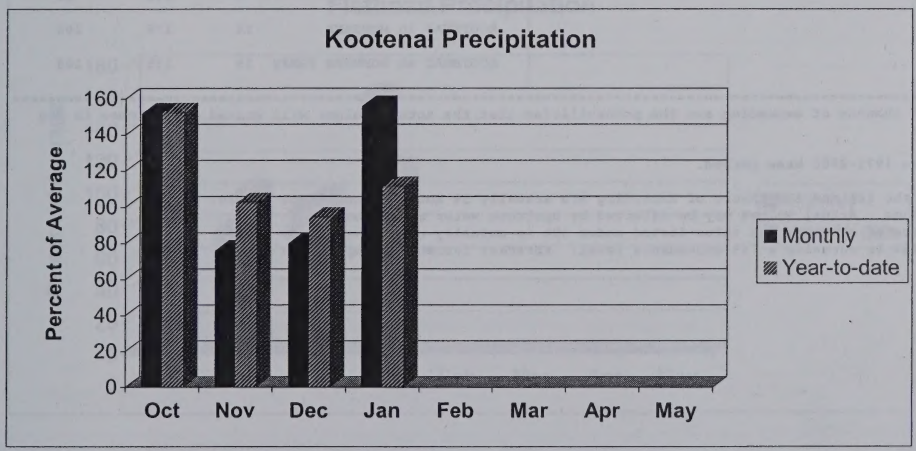
Kootenai River Basin in Montana

Snowpack conditions in the Kootenai River Basin in Montana were above average and increased 18 percent from January 1. Snow water content was 106 percent of average and 178 percent of last year. Snow water content in the Kootenay in Canada was 90 percent of average and 106 percent of last year.



January maximum swe was established in 1997 and minimum was in 1977; February maximum swe was in 1997 and minimum swe was in 1977; March maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum swe was in 1977; April maximum swe was in 1974 and minimum swe was in 2001and 2005; May maximum swe was in 1974 and minimum swe was in 1977; and June maximum swe was in 1974 and minimum swe was in 1992. Average is for the period 1971 through 2000.

Mountain precipitation during January was 160 percent of average and 228 percent of last year. Valley precipitation during January was 115 percent of average and 211 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2005, was 111 percent of average and 129 percent of last year.



Assuming near average precipitation, February through July, the spring and early summer streamflow forecasts average 93 percent to 104 percent.

Lake Koocanusa storage was 158 percent of average and 100 percent of last year.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was +1.5 in the Tobacco River; +0.9 in the Kootenai Ft. Steele to Libby Dam; +2.2 in the Kootenai River below Libby Dam; +1.4 in the Fisher River; and +1.0 in the Yaak River.

KOOTENAI RIVER BASIN in Montana
Streamflow Forecasts - February 1, 2006

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<====== Drier ====== Future Conditions ======= Wetter =====>> Chance Of Exceeding * 90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (1000AF)	50% (% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
TOBACCO RIVER nr Eureka	APR-JUL	109	131	147	108	163	185	136
	APR-SEP	120	145	162	108	179	206	150
LIBBY RES Inflow (1,2)	APR-JUL	4110	5160	5640	100	6120	7170	5640
	APR-SEP	5110	6160	6640	100	7120	8170	6640
FISHER RIVER nr Libby	APR-JUL	180	231	265	115	300	350	230
	APR-SEP	191	244	280	114	315	370	245
YAAK RIVER nr Troy	APR-JUL	335	400	445	96	490	555	465
	APR-SEP	350	420	465	95	510	580	490
KOOTENAI at Leonia (1,2)	APR-JUL	5800	6650	7040	100	7430	8280	7040
	APR-SEP	7920	8060	8120	100	8180	8320	8120

KOOTENAI RIVER BASIN in Montana
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of January

Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage *** This Year	Last Year	Avg
LAKE KOOCANUSA	5748.0	3794.0	3776.0	2400.9

KOOTENAI RIVER BASIN in Montana
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - February 1, 2006

Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of Last Yr	This Year as % of Average
KOOTENAY in CANADA	6	107	83
KOOTENAI MAINTSTEM	3	196	115
TOBACCO	3	151	111
FISHER	1	287	100
YAAK	6	178	95
KOOTENAI in MONTANA	13	178	106
KOOTENAI ab BONNERS FERRY	19	155	100

* 90%, 70%, 50%, 30%, and 10% chances of exceeding are the probabilities that the actual volume will exceed the volumes in the table.

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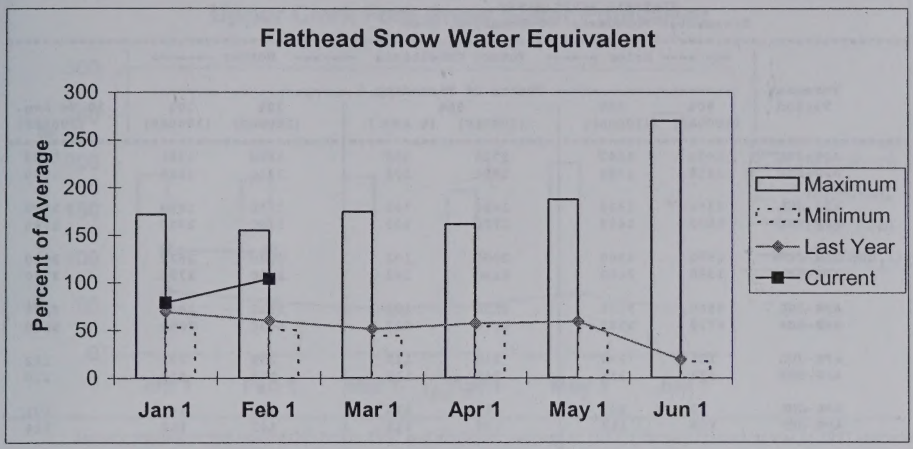
(2) - The value is natural volume - actual volume may be affected by upstream water management.
(3) - Median value used in place of average. The value listed under 30% is actually a 25% exceedance level. The value listed under 70% is actually a 75% exceedance level. Forecast issued in cooperation with Alberta Environment.

Flathead River Basin

Snowpack conditions in the Flathead River Basin in Montana were near average and increased 25 percent from January 1. Snow water content was 104 percent of average and 173 percent of last year. Flathead snow water content in Canada was 96 percent of average and 275 percent of last year.



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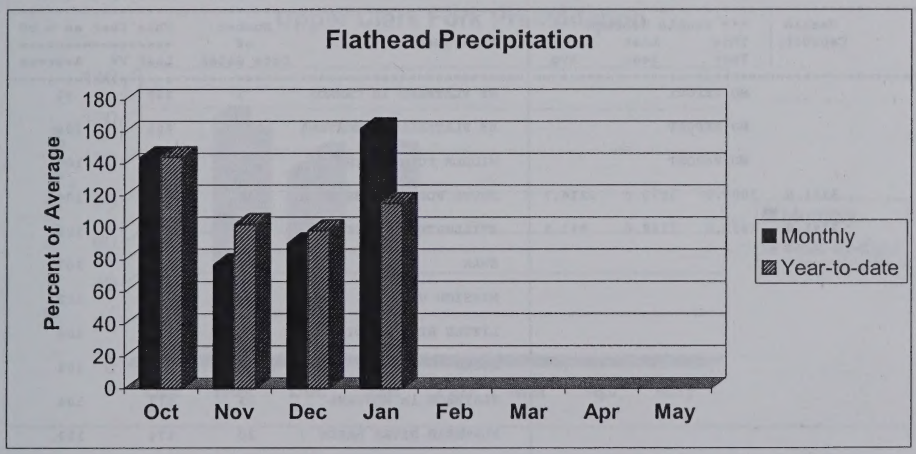
Mountain precipitation during January was 161 percent of average and 235 percent of last year. Valley precipitation during January was 183 percent of average and 251 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2005, was 115 percent of average and 138 percent of last year.



Assuming near average precipitation, February through July, the spring and early summer streamflow forecasts average 97 percent to 107 percent.

Combined Camas reservoir storage was not available; Lower Jocko Lake was not available; combined Mission Valley reservoir storage was not available; Hungry Horse storage was 135 percent of average and 98 percent of last year; and Flathead Lake storage was 106 percent of average and 88 percent of last year.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was +0.8 in the North Fork Flathead River; +0.4 in the Middle Fork Flathead River; +3.3 in the South Fork Flathead River; +1.6 in the Flathead River at Columbia Falls; +2.4 in the Stillwater/Whitefish Rivers; +1.1 in the Swan River; +1.0 in the Flathead River at Polson; not available in the Mission Valley; and not available in the Little Bitterroot River.

FLATHEAD RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - February 1, 2006

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<====== Drier ====== Future Conditions ======= Wetter =====>> Chance Of Exceeding * 90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (1000AF)	50% (% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
NF FLATHEAD nr Columbia Falls	APR-JUL	1440	1600	1710	106	1820	1980	1620
	APR-SEP	1610	1780	1900	106	2020	2190	1800
MF FLATHEAD nr West Glacier	APR-JUL	1360	1520	1620	102	1720	1880	1590
	APR-SEP	1500	1660	1770	102	1880	2040	1740
HUNGRY HORSE Reservoir Inflow (1,2)	APR-JUL	1550	1900	2060	103	2220	2570	2000
	APR-SEP	1590	2000	2190	103	2380	2790	2120
FLATHEAD at Columbia Falls (2)	APR-JUL	4560	5130	5520	103	5910	6480	5350
	APR-SEP	4970	5590	6010	103	6430	7050	5820
STILLWATER nr Whitefish	APR-JUL	157	198	225	117	252	292	192
	APR-SEP	172	216	245	117	275	320	210
WHITEFISH nr Kalispell	APR-JUL	90	105	115	114	125	140	101
	APR-SEP	100	117	129	113	141	158	114
ASHLEY CREEK nr Marion (2)	APR-JUL	4.5	6.2	7.3	101	8.4	10.1	7.2
	MARCH			1.0	97			1.1
SWAN RIVER nr Bigfork	APR-JUL	475	555	605	107	655	735	565
	APR-SEP	540	630	690	107	750	840	645
Flathead Lake inflow (1,2)	APR-JUL	5050	6040	6490	105	6940	7930	6180
	APR-SEP	5470	6540	7030	105	7520	8590	6700

FLATHEAD RIVER BASIN
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of January

Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage *** This Year	Last Year	Avg
CAMAS (4)		NO REPORT		
LOWER JOCKO LAKE		NO REPORT		
MISSION VALLEY (8)		NO REPORT		
HUNGRY HORSE	3451.0	3000.0	3070.0	2214.7
FLATHEAD LAKE	1791.0	1033.0	1168.0	971.2

FLATHEAD RIVER BASIN
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - February 1, 2006

Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of Last Yr	Average
NF FLATHEAD in CANADA	1	281	94
NF FLATHEAD in MONTANA	7	161	106
MIDDLE FORK FLATHEAD	5	191	100
SOUTH FORK FLATHEAD	6	175	104
STILLWATER-WHITEFISH	7	178	108
SWAN	6	158	107
MISSION VALLEY	3	177	112
LITTLE BITTERROOT-ASHLEY	3	255	104
JOCKO	4	156	103
FLATHEAD in MONTANA	29	173	104
FLATHEAD RIVER BASIN	30	174	103

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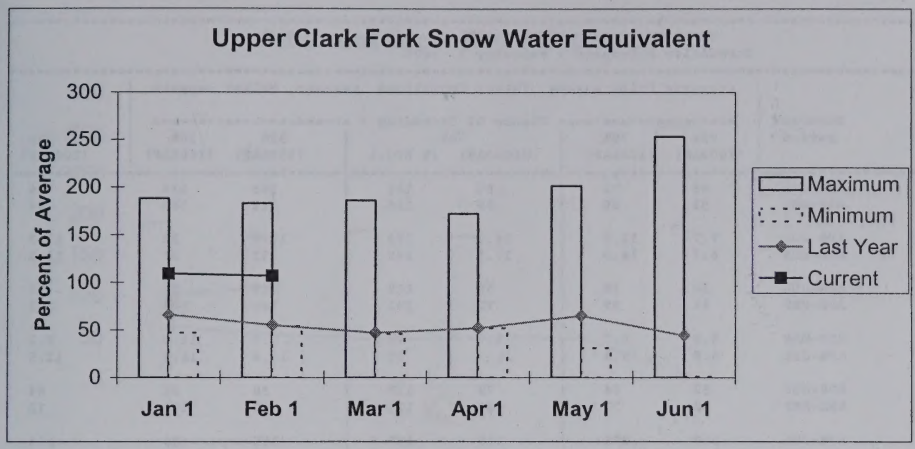
Upper Clark Fork River Basin

Snowpack conditions in the Upper Clark Fork River Basin were above average and decreased 2 percent from January 1. Snow water content was 107 percent of average and 195 percent of last year.



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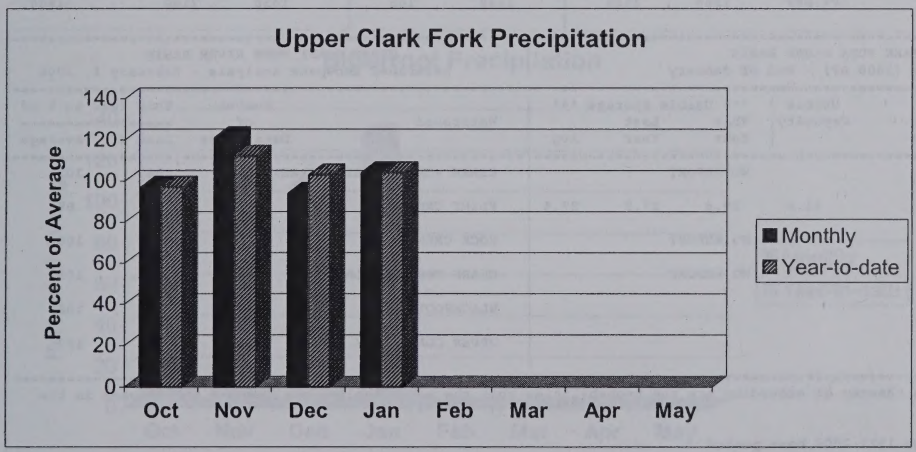
Mountain precipitation during January was 104 percent of average and 192 percent of last year. Valley precipitation during January was 102 percent of average and 136 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2005, was 104 percent of average and 162 percent of last year.



Assuming near average precipitation, February through July, the spring and early summer streamflow forecasts average 89 percent to 106 percent.

East Fork Rock Creek storage was not available; Georgetown Lake storage was 109 percent of average and 107 percent of last year; Lower Willow Creek storage was not available; and Nevada Creek storage was not available.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was +1.1 in the Clark Fork River above Milltown; and +0.3 in the Blackfoot River.

UPPER CLARK FORK RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - February 1, 2006

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<====== Drier ====== Future Conditions ======= Wetter =====>> Chance Of Exceeding * 90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (1000AF)	50% (% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
LITTLE BLACKFOOT nr Garrison	APR-JUL	46	72	90	118	108	134	76
	APR-SEP	53	80	99	118	118	145	84
FLINT CREEK nr Southern Cross	APR-JUL	7.7	11.9	14.8	108	17.7	22	13.7
	APR-SEP	8.7	14.0	17.5	108	21	26	16.2
FLINT CREEK blw Boulder Ck	APR-JUL	30	45	56	100	67	82	56
	APR-SEP	41	59	72	101	85	103	71
LOWER WILLOW CK RES Inflow	APR-MAY	4.6	6.7	8.1	99	9.5	11.6	8.2
	APR-JUL	5.6	9.4	11.9	95	14.4	18.3	12.5
MF ROCK CREEK nr Philipsburg	APR-JUL	52	64	72	113	80	92	64
	APR-SEP	58	71	80	111	89	102	72
ROCK CREEK nr Clinton	APR-JUL	210	275	315	117	355	420	270
	APR-SEP	245	310	355	116	400	465	305
CLARK FORK abv Milltown	APR-JUL	385	550	665	110	780	945	605
	APR-SEP	460	650	775	110	900	1085	705
NEVADA CREEK nr Helmville	APR-MAY	5.3	7.9	9.6	93	11.3	13.9	10.3
	APR-JUL	8.5	13.0	16.0	93	18.8	24	17.3
BLACKFOOT RIVER nr Bonner	APR-JUL	545	700	810	101	915	1075	805
	APR-SEP	615	780	895	101	1005	1175	890
CLARK FORK abv Missoula	APR-JUL	1100	1330	1480	105	1630	1860	1410
	APR-SEP	1260	1510	1680	105	1850	2100	1600

UPPER CLARK FORK RIVER BASIN
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of January

Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage *** This Year	Last Year	Avg
EAST FORK ROCK CREEK		NO REPORT		
GEORGETOWN LAKE	31.0	29.8	27.9	27.4
LOWER WILLOW CREEK		NO REPORT		
NEVADA CREEK		NO REPORT		

UPPER CLARK FORK RIVER BASIN
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - February 1, 2006

Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of Last Yr	Average
CLARK FORK ab FLINT CREEK	10	206	108
FLINT CREEK	6	193	95
ROCK CREEK	3	193	106
CLARK FORK ab BLACKFOOT	16	203	103
BLACKFOOT	14	191	108
UPPER CLARK FORK BASIN	28	195	107

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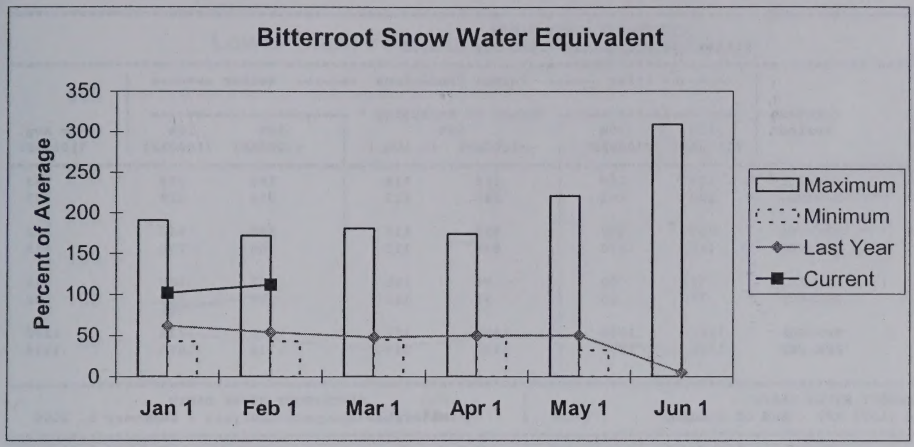
Bitterroot River Basin

Snowpack conditions in the Bitterroot River Basin were above average and increased 10 percent from January 1. Snow water content was 112 percent of average and 207 percent of last year.



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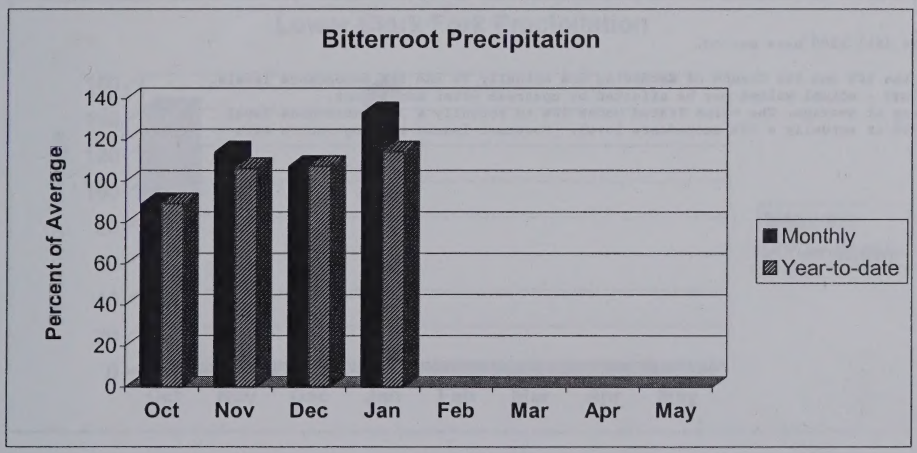
Mountain precipitation during January was 136 percent of average and 254 percent of last year. Valley precipitation during January was 78 percent of average and 506 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2005, was 114 percent of average and 190 percent of last year.



Assuming near average precipitation, February through July, the spring and early summer streamflow forecasts average 104 percent to 115 percent.

Painted Rocks Lake storage was not available and Como storage was 84 percent of average and 55 percent of last year.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was +1.9 in the Bitterroot River.

BITTERROOT RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - February 1, 2006

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<====== Drier ====== Future Conditions ======= Wetter =====>> Chance Of Exceeding * 90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (1000AF)	50% (% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
WF BITTERROOT nr Conner (2)	APR-JUL	118	148	168	118	188	220	143
	APR-SEP	128	161	183	117	204	239	157
BITTERROOT nr Darby	APR-JUL	385	470	525	114	580	665	460
	APR-SEP	445	530	590	115	650	735	515
COMO RESERVOIR Inflow	APR-JUL	72	80	86	110	92	100	78
	APR-SEP	77	85	91	111	97	105	82
BITTERROOT at Missoula	APR-JUL	1200	1350	1460	117	1570	1720	1250
	APR-SEP	1330	1490	1600	117	1710	1870	1370

BITTERROOT RIVER BASIN
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of January

Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage *** This Year	Last Year	Avg
PAINTED ROCKS LAKE		NO REPORT		
COMO	34.9	8.9	16.1	10.6

BITTERROOT RIVER BASIN
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - February 1, 2006

Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of Last Yr	Average
WEST FORK BITTERROOT	2	203	115
EAST SIDE BITTERROOT	3	186	110
WEST SIDE BITTERROOT	3	221	113
BITTERROOT RIVER BASIN	7	207	112

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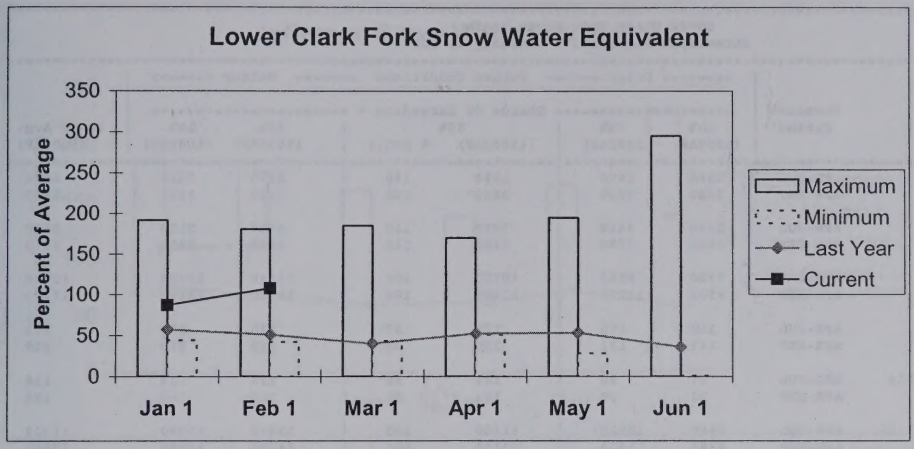
Lower Clark Fork River Basin

Snowpack conditions in the Lower Clark Fork River Basin were above average and increased 21 percent from January 1. Snow water content was 108 percent of average and 211 percent of last year.



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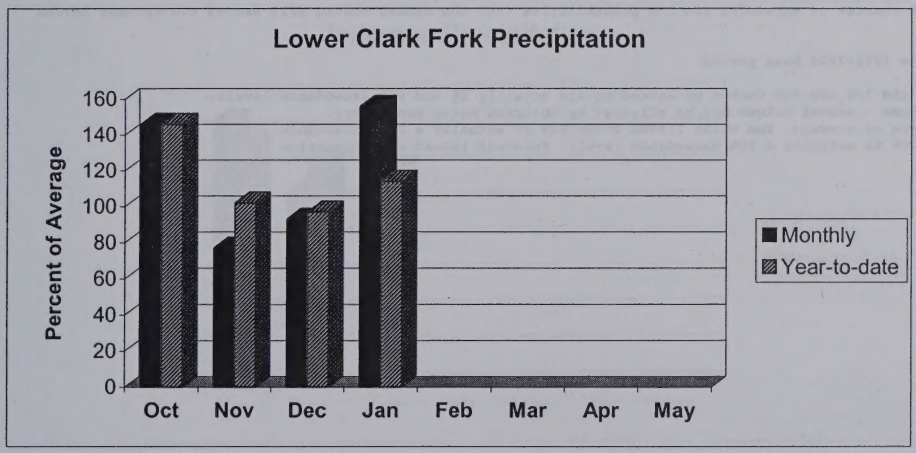
Mountain precipitation during January was 155 percent of average and 233 percent of last year. Valley precipitation during January was 163 percent of average and 262 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2005, was 114 percent of average and 158 percent of last year.



Assuming near average precipitation, February through July, the spring and early summer streamflow forecasts average 92 percent to 103 percent.

Noxon Rapids storage was 104 percent of average and 101 percent of last year.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was +1.5 in the Clark Fork River below Bitterroot River and +1.2 in the Clark Fork River below Flathead River.

LOWER CLARK FORK RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - February 1, 2006

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<====== Drier ====== Future Conditions ======= Wetter ======>> Chance Of Exceeding * 90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (1000AF)	50% (% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
CLARK FORK blw Missoula	APR-JUL	2340	2690	2930	110	3170	3520	2660
	APR-SEP	2620	3000	3260	110	3520	3900	2960
CLARK FORK at St. Regis (1)	APR-JUL	2390	3410	3870	110	4330	5350	3520
	APR-SEP	2650	3780	4300	110	4820	5950	3910
CLARK FORK nr Plains (1,2)	APR-JUL	7700	9760	10700	106	11640	13700	10100
	APR-SEP	8500	10770	11800	106	12830	15100	11100
THOMPSON nr Thompson Falls	APR-JUL	118	166	198	97	230	276	205
	APR-SEP	141	191	225	98	260	310	230
PROSPECT CREEK at Thompson Falls	APR-JUL	69	90	104	90	118	139	116
	APR-SEP	76	98	113	91	128	150	124
CLARK FK at Whitehorse Rpds (1,2)	APR-JUL	8460	10830	11900	105	12970	15340	11300
	APR-SEP	9320	11920	13100	105	14280	16880	12500

LOWER CLARK FORK RIVER BASIN
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of January

Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage *** This Year	Last Year	Avg
NOXON RAPIDS	335.0	323.0	319.9	310.9

LOWER CLARK FORK RIVER BASIN
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - February 1, 2006

Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of Last Yr	Average
LOWER CLARK FORK BASIN	8	211	108

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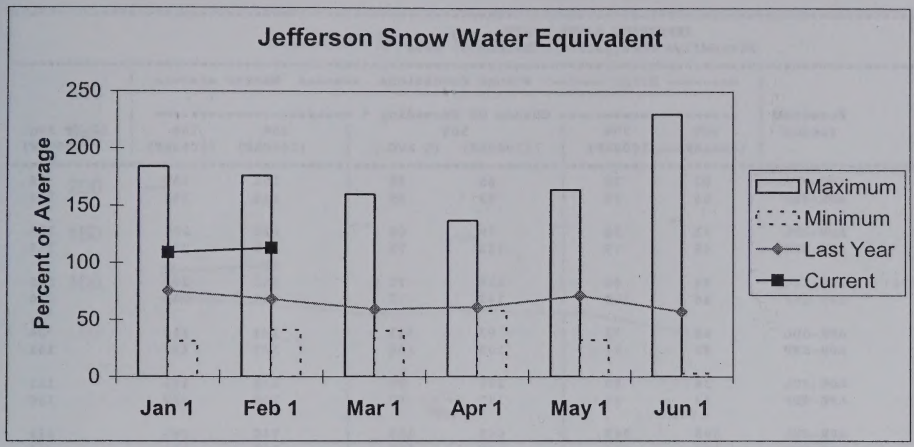
Jefferson River Basin

Snowpack conditions in the Jefferson River Basin were above average and increased 4 percent from January 1. Snow water content was 113 percent of average and 166 percent of last year.



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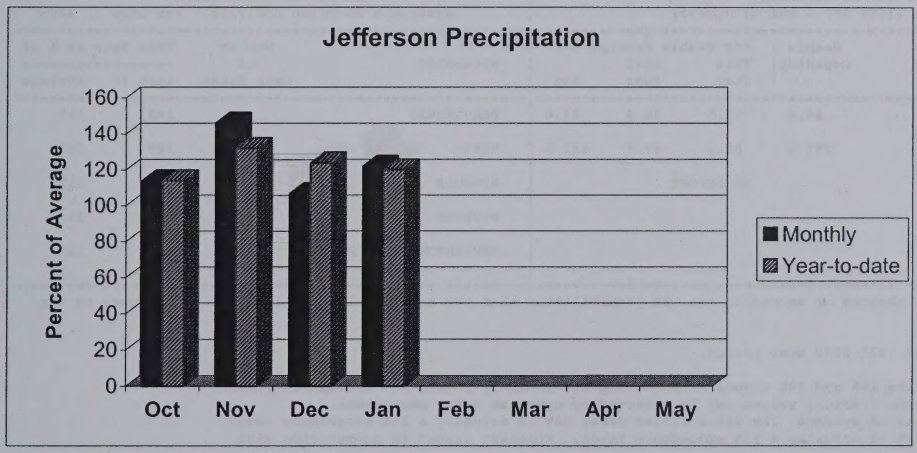
Mountain precipitation during January was 123 percent of average and 209 percent of last year. Valley precipitation during January was 53 percent of average and 80 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2005, was 120 percent of average and 170 percent of last year.



Assuming near average precipitation, February through July, the spring and early summer streamflow forecasts average 76 percent to 95 percent.

Lima storage was 111 percent of average and 99 percent of last year; Clark Canyon storage was 63 percent of average and 186 percent of last year; and Ruby River storage was not available.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was -1.4 in the Beaverhead River; not available in the Ruby River; +0.6 in the Big Hole River; -0.1 in the Boulder River; and not available for the Jefferson River as a whole.

JEFFERSON RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - February 1, 2006

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<====== Drier ====== Future Conditions ======= Wetter =====>> Chance Of Exceeding * 90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (1000AF)	50% (% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
LIMA RESERVOIR Inflow (2)	APR-JUL	52	70	85	89	104	140	96
	APR-SEP	56	76	93	89	115	156	104
CLARK CANYON Inflow (2)	APR-JUL	31	54	79	60	116	203	131
	APR-SEP	49	79	111	71	155	254	156
BEAVERHEAD RIVER at Barretts (2)	APR-JUL	38	86	119	71	152	200	168
	APR-SEP	46	104	143	72	182	240	200
RUBY RIVER Reservoir Inflow	APR-JUL	68	83	93	111	103	118	84
	APR-SEP	80	97	109	108	121	138	101
BIG HOLE RIVER at Wisdom	APR-JUL	36	80	109	90	138	182	121
	APR-SEP	42	86	117	90	148	192	130
BIG HOLE RIVER nr Melrose	APR-JUL	395	545	640	105	740	885	610
	APR-SEP	430	585	695	105	800	955	660
BOULDER RIVER nr Boulder	APR-JUL	45	71	89	114	107	133	78
	APR-SEP	48	76	95	112	114	142	85
WILLOW CREEK Reservoir Inflow	APR-JUL	5.8	13.1	18.0	101	23	30	17.9
	APR-SEP	6.9	15.3	21	105	27	35	20
JEFFERSON RIVER nr Three Forks (2)	APR-JUL	575	780	915	117	1050	1250	780
	APR-SEP	625	845	990	115	1140	1350	860

JEFFERSON RIVER BASIN
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of January

Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage *** This Year	Last Year	Avg
LIMA	84.0	37.8	38.2	34.0
CLARK CANYON	255.6	89.2	47.9	141.1
RUBY RIVER		NO REPORT		

JEFFERSON RIVER BASIN
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - February 1, 2006

Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of Last Yr	Average
BEAVERHEAD	8	143	117
RUBY	5	147	103
BIGHOLE	10	187	112
BOULDER	8	204	110
JEFFERSON RIVER BASIN	26	166	113

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Madison River Basin

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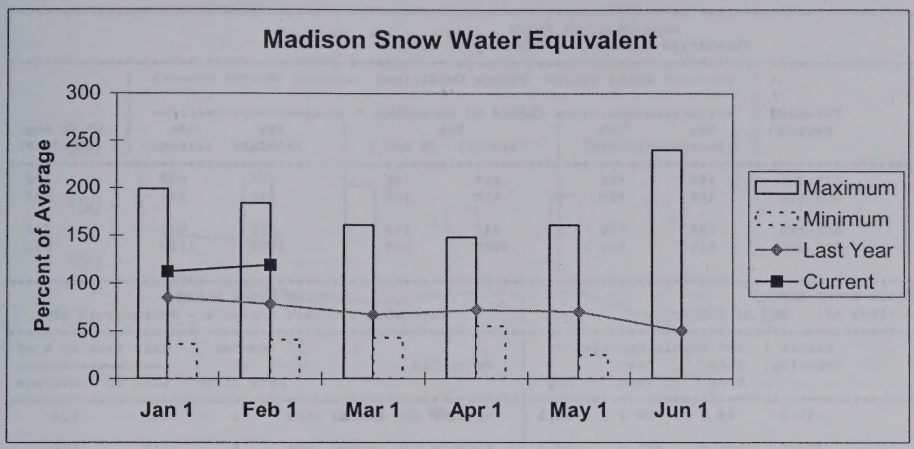

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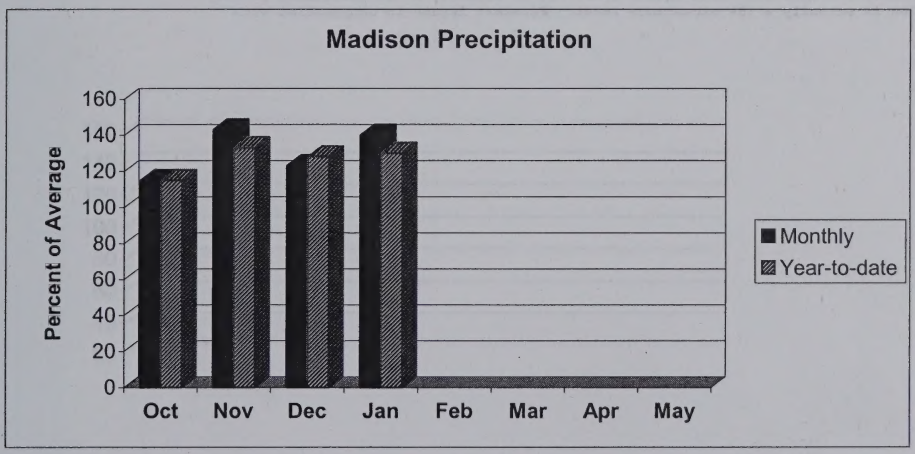
Mountain and valley precipitation during January was 140 percent of average and 211 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2005, was 130 percent of average and 161 percent of last year.



Assuming near average precipitation, February through July, the spring and early summer streamflow forecasts average 108 percent to 116 percent.

Ennis Lake storage was 96 percent of average and 102 percent of last year and Hebgen Lake storage was 105 percent of average and 91 percent of last year.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was +2.1 for the Madison River.

MADISON RIVER BASIN

Streamflow Forecasts - February 1, 2006

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<====== Drier ====== Future Conditions ======= Wetter =====>> Chance Of Exceeding * 90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (1000AF)	50% (% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
HEBGEN Reservoir Inflow	APR-JUL	360	405	435	112	465	510	390
	APR-SEP	465	515	550	110	585	635	500
ENNIS Reservoir Inflow (2)	APR-JUL	680	760	810	119	860	940	680
	APR-SEP	845	935	1000	118	1060	1150	850

MADISON RIVER BASIN

Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of January

Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage *** This Year	Last Year	Avg
ENNIS LAKE	41.0	29.9	29.2	31.3
HEBGEN LAKE	377.5	279.5	307.9	266.5

MADISON RIVER BASIN

Watershed Snowpack Analysis - February 1, 2006

Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of Average: Last Yr	Average
MADISON abv HEBGEN LAKE	6	147	124
MADISON blw HEBGEN LAKE	8	160	116
MADISON RIVER BASIN	14	154	119

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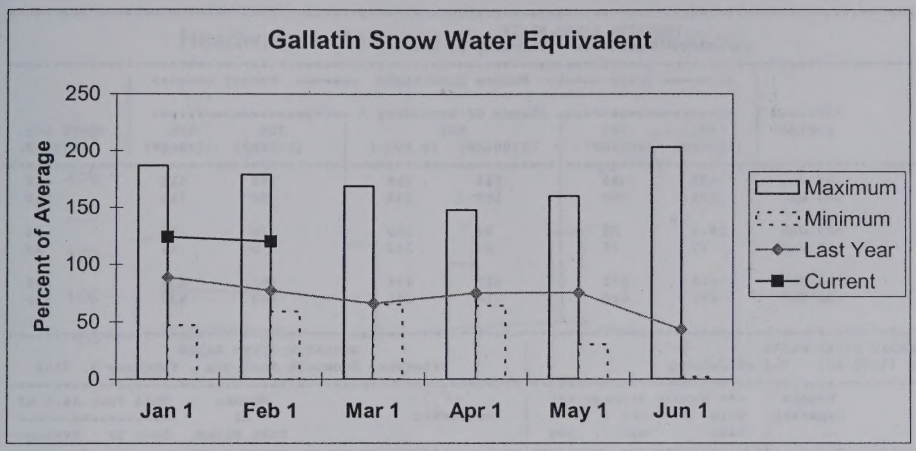
Gallatin River Basin

Snowpack conditions in the Gallatin River Basin were above average and decreased 4 percent from January 1. Snow water content was 120 percent of average and 156 percent of last year.



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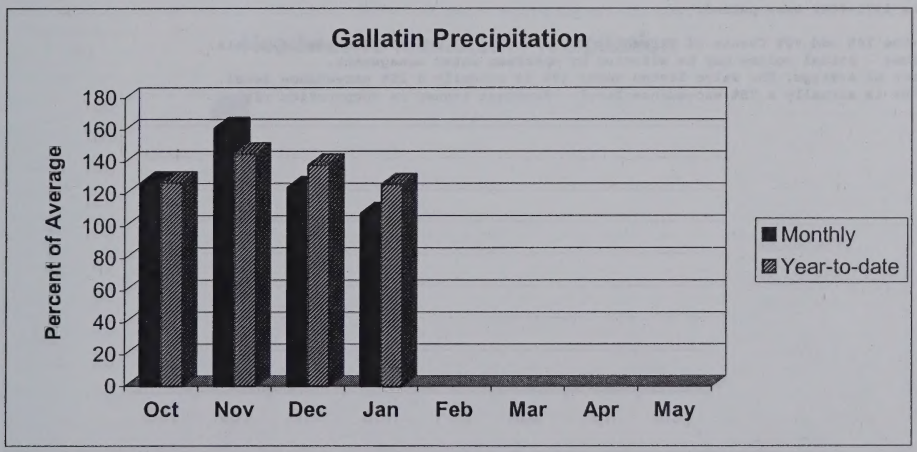
Mountain precipitation during January was 109 percent of average and 236 percent of last year. Valley precipitation during January was 73 percent of average and 244 percent of last year; Mountain and valley water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2005, was 126 percent of average and 169 percent of last year.



Assuming near average precipitation, February through July, the spring and early summer streamflow forecasts average 106 percent to 117 percent.

Middle Creek storage was not available.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was +2.2 for the Gallatin River.

GALLATIN RIVER BASIN

Streamflow Forecasts - February 1, 2006

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<====== Drier ====== Future Conditions ======= Wetter =====>> Chance Of Exceeding * 90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (1000AF)	50% (% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
GALLATIN RIVER nr Gateway	APR-JUL	425	480	520	118	560	615	440
	APR-SEP	495	560	605	118	650	715	515
HYALITE RESERVOIR Inflow	APR-JUL	18.6	22	24	109	26	29	22
	APR-SEP	22	26	28	112	30	34	25
GALLATIN RIVER at Logan (2)	APR-JUL	415	535	615	124	695	815	495
	APR-SEP	490	620	710	125	800	930	570

GALLATIN RIVER BASIN

Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of January

Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage *** This Year	Last Year	Avg
MIDDLE CREEK		NO REPORT		

GALLATIN RIVER BASIN

Watershed Snowpack Analysis - February 1, 2006

Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of Last Yr	Average
UPPER GALLATIN	4	160	125
HYALITE	2	155	111
BRIDGER	2	145	117
GALLATIN RIVER BASIN	8	156	120

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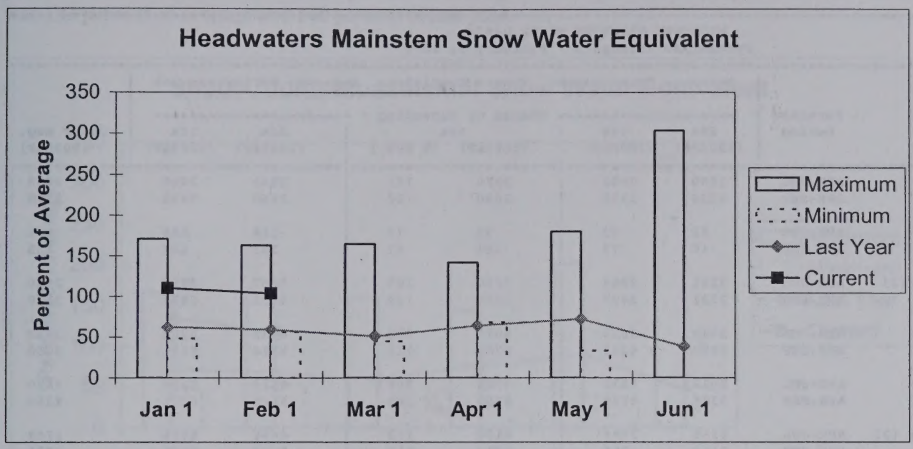
Missouri Mainstem River Basin

Snowpack conditions in the Headwaters Missouri Mainstem River Basin were near average and decreased 8 percent from January 1. Snow water content was 96 percent of average and 175 percent of last year.



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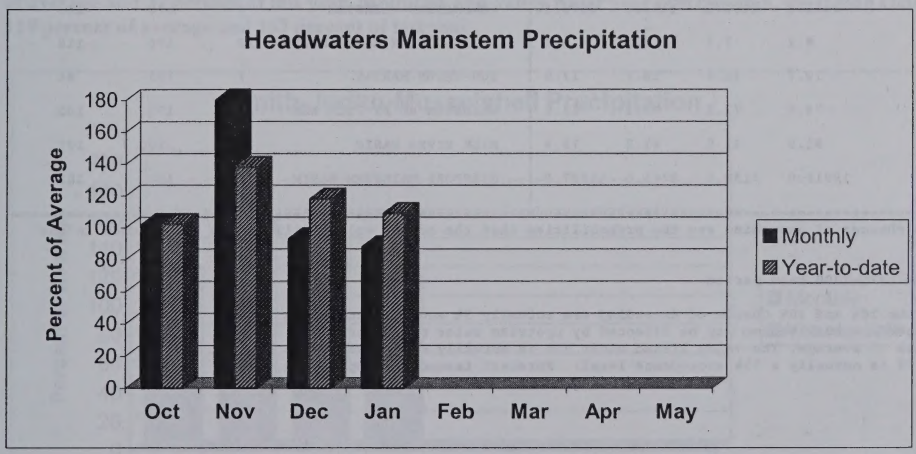
Mountain precipitation during January was 108 percent of average and 169 percent of last year. Valley precipitation during January was 55 percent of average and 88 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2005, was 109 percent of average and 162 percent of last year.



Assuming near average precipitation, February through July, the spring and early summer streamflow forecasts average 92 percent to 106 percent.

Canyon Ferry Lake storage was 89 percent of average and 103 percent of last year; Helena Valley storage was 166 percent of average and 138 percent of last year; Lake Helena storage was 80 percent of average and the 97 percent of last year; Hauser & Helena storage was 114 percent of average and 99 percent of last year; Holter Lake storage was 103 percent of average and 100 percent of last year; and Fort Peck Lake storage was 61 percent of average and 104 percent of last year.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was not available in the Missouri River above Canyon Ferry; not available in the Missouri River below Canyon Ferry; -0.7 in the Dearborn River near Craig; not available in the Missouri River above Fort Peck; and -3.4 the Missouri River below Fort Peck.

MISSOURI MAINSTEM RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - February 1, 2006

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<====== Drier ====== Future Conditions ======= Wetter =====>> Chance Of Exceeding * 90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (1000AF)	50% (% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
MISSOURI RIVER at Toston (2)	APR-JUL	1600	2000	2270	111	2540	2940	2050
	APR-SEP	1850	2310	2630	110	2950	3410	2390
DEARBORN nr Craig	APR-JUL	42	73	93	77	114	144	121
	APR-SEP	46	79	101	81	123	155	125
MISSOURI RIVER at Fort Benton (2)	APR-JUL	2281	2864	3260	109	3657	4237	2990
	APR-SEP	2731	3427	3900	109	4371	5071	3570
MISSOURI RIVER at Virgelle (2)	APR-JUL	2940	3613	4070	118	4525	5200	3450
	APR-SEP	3450	4242	4780	118	5316	6111	4060
MISSOURI RIVER nr Landusky (2)	APR-JUL	2812	3531	4020	109	4510	5230	3690
	APR-SEP	3325	4174	4750	109	5326	6171	4350
MISSOURI RIVER below Fort Peck (2)	APR-JUL	2965	3694	4190	112	4686	5416	3740
	APR-SEP	3412	4256	4830	112	5406	6251	4330
LAKE SAKAKAWEA Inflow (2)	APR-JUL	6840	8739	10030	103	11324	13224	9740
	APR-SEP	7832	10016	11500	103	12981	15171	11200

MISSOURI MAINSTEM RIVER BASIN
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of January

Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage *** This Year	Last Year	Avg
CANYON FERRY LAKE	2043.0	1406.0	1370.0	1576.1
HELENA VALLEY	9.2	7.3	5.3	4.4
LAKE HELENA	12.7	10.4	10.7	13.0
HAUSER & HELENA	74.6	72.3	73.1	63.2
HOLTER LAKE	81.9	81.5	81.2	79.4
FORT PECK LAKE	18910.0	9138.0	8764.0	14887.0

MISSOURI MAINSTEM RIVER BASIN
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - February 1, 2006

Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of Last Yr	Average
HEADWATERS MAINSTEM	8	176	104
SMITH-JUDITH-MUSSELSHELL	10	176	118
SUN-TETON-MARIAS	7	193	84
MAINSTEM ab FT PECK RES	24	179	100
MILK RIVER BASIN	4	3200	107
MISSOURI MAINSTEM BASIN	27	187	101

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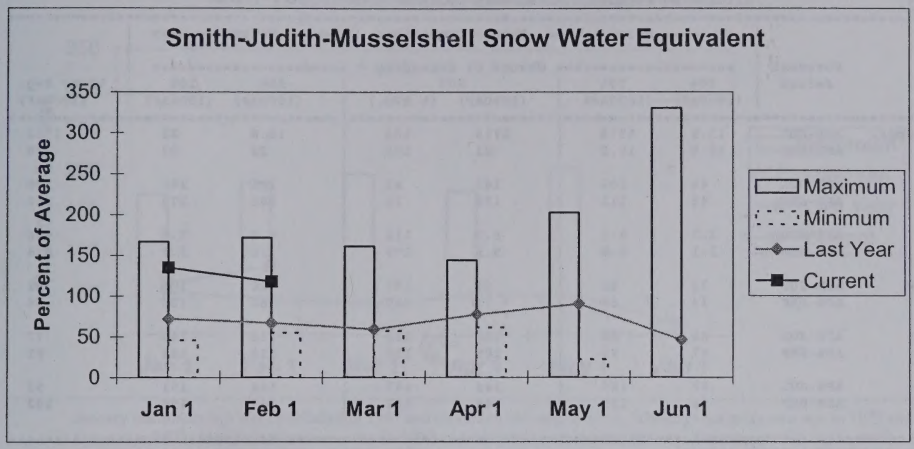
Smith-Judith-Musselshell River Basins

Snowpack conditions in the Smith-Judith-Musselshell River Basins were above average and decreased 17 percent from January 1. Snow water content in the Smith River Basin was 118 percent of average and 172 percent of last year; the Judith River Basin was 114 percent of average and 160 percent of last year; and the Musselshell Basin River was 103 percent of average and 168 percent of last year.



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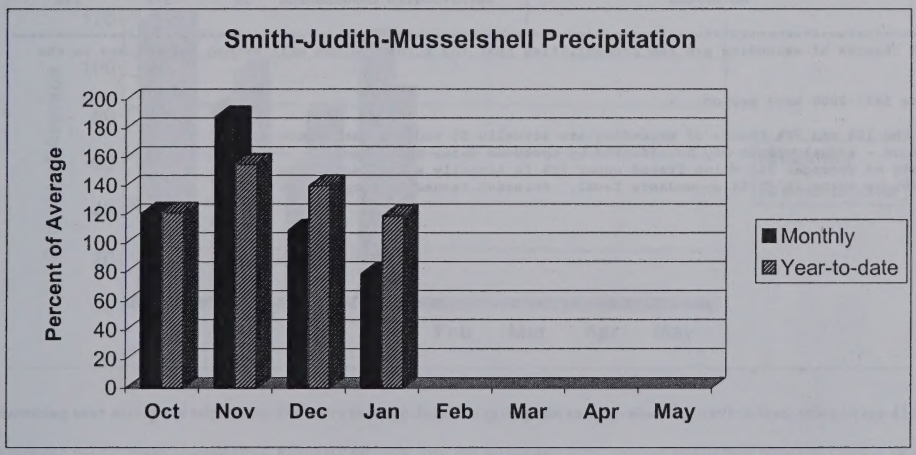
Mountain and valley precipitation during January in the Smith-Belts was 109 percent of average and 173 percent of last year; in the Judith was 53 percent of average and 111 percent of last year; and in the Musselshell was 29 percent of average and 37 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2005, was 119 percent of average and 163 percent of last year.



Assuming near average precipitation, February through July, the spring and early summer streamflow forecasts average 97 percent to 117 percent.

Smith River storage was not available; Bair storage was not available; Ackley storage was not available; Martinsdale storage was not available; and Deadman's Basin not available.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was +1.8 in the Smith River; not available in the Upper Judith River, and not available in the Musselshell River.

SMITH-JUDITH-MUSSELSHELL RIVER BASINS
Streamflow Forecasts - February 1, 2006

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<====== Drier ====== Future Conditions ======= Wetter =====>> Chance Of Exceeding * 90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (1000AF)	50% (% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
SHEEP CREEK nr White Sulphur Spgs.	APR-JUL	12.9	15.8	17.8	104	19.8	23	17.1
	APR-SEP	15.5	19.0	21	105	23	27	20
SMITH RIVER abv Eagle Creek	APR-JUL	42	102	142	81	182	240	175
	APR-SEP	48	113	159	76	205	270	210
NF MUSSELSHELL nr Delpine	APR-JUL	2.7	4.1	5.1	111	6.1	7.5	4.6
	APR-SEP	3.1	4.8	5.9	109	7.0	8.7	5.4
SF MUSSELSHELL abv Martinsdale	APR-JUL	31	52	66	127	80	101	52
	APR-SEP	34	56	71	127	86	108	56
MUSSELSHELL at Harlowton (2)	APR-JUL	66	88	103	134	118	140	77
	APR-SEP	67	90	105	130	120	143	81
MUSSELSHELL nr Roundup (2)	APR-JUL	97	126	145	147	164	191	99
	APR-SEP	96	125	144	141	163	194	102

SMITH-JUDITH-MUSSELSHELL RIVER BASINS
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of January

Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage *** This Year	Last Year	Avg
SMITH RIVER		NO REPORT		
BAIR		NO REPORT		
MARTINSDALE		NO REPORT		
DEADMAN'S BASIN		NO REPORT		

SMITH-JUDITH-MUSSELSHELL RIVER BASINS
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - February 1, 2006

Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of Last Yr	Average
SMITH	6	172	118
JUDITH	4	160	114
MUSSELSHELL	3	168	103
SMITH-JUDITH-MUSSELSHELL	10	176	118

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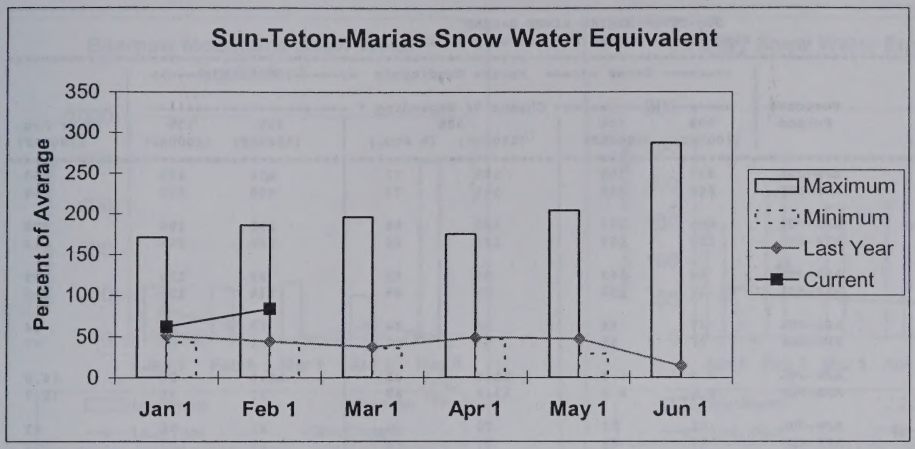
Sun-Teton-Marias River Basins

Snowpack conditions in the Sun-Teton-Marias River Basins were below average and increased 22 percent from January 1. Snow water content in the Sun River Basin was 88 percent of average and 160 percent of last year; in the Teton River Basin was 66 percent of average and 173 percent of last year; and in the Marias River Basin was 83 percent of average and 210 percent of last year.



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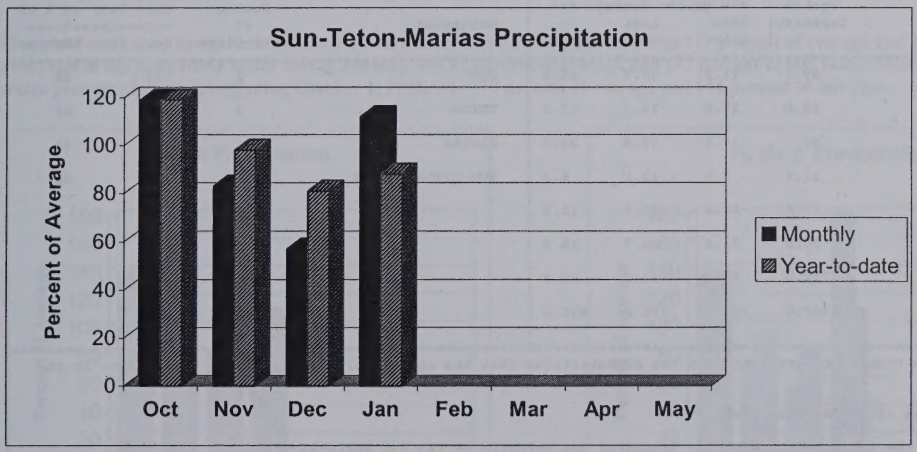
Mountain and valley precipitation during January in the Sun was 97 percent of average and 105 percent of last year; in the Teton was 109 percent of average and 150 percent of last year; and in the Marias was 117 percent of average and 248 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2005, was 88 percent of average and 128 percent of last year.



Assuming near average precipitation, February through July, the spring and early summer streamflow forecasts average 42 percent to 59 percent.

Assuming near average precipitation, February through July, the spring and early summer streamflow forecasts average 60 percent to 79 percent.

Gibson storage was 26 percent of average and 29 percent of last year; Pishkun storage was 99 percent of average and 91 percent of last year; Willow Creek storage was 120 percent of average and 100 percent of last year; Lower Two Medicine Lake storage was 109 percent of average and 79 percent of last year; Four Horns Lake storage was 89 percent of average and 77 percent of last year; Swift storage was 93 percent of average and 71 percent of last year; Lake Frances storage was 52 percent of average and 99 percent of last year; and Lake Elwell (Tiber) storage was 112 percent of average and 100 percent of last year.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was -1.6 in the Sun River; -1.9 in the Teton River; -2.9 in the Birch/Dupuyer Creeks; -1.3 in the Marias River above Tiber, and +0.1 in the Marias below Tiber.

SUN-TETON-MARIAS RIVER BASINS
Streamflow Forecasts - February 1, 2006

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<====== Drier ====== Future Conditions ======= Wetter =====>> Chance Of Exceeding * 90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (1000AF)	50% (% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
GIBSON Reservoir Inflow	APR-JUL	225	305	355	77	410	485	460
	APR-SEP	260	340	395	78	450	530	505
TWO MEDICINE RIVER nr Browning	APR-JUL	104	149	180	88	211	256	205
	APR-SEP	113	159	190	88	220	265	215
BADGER CREEK nr Browning (2)	APR-JUL	48	69	84	85	99	120	99
	APR-SEP	59	82	98	85	114	137	115
SWIFT RESERVOIR Inflow	APR-JUL	27	44	56	88	68	85	64
	APR-SEP	37	55	67	87	79	97	77
DUPUYER CREEK nr Valier	APR-JUL	0.0	5.4	11.9	85	18.4	28	14.0
	APR-SEP	0.0	6.5	13.4	85	21	31	15.7
CUT BANK CREEK at Cut Bank	APR-JUL	42	59	70	86	81	98	81
	APR-SEP	47	65	77	86	89	107	90
MARIAS RIVER nr Shelby (2)	APR-JUL	155	265	335	81	405	515	415
	APR-SEP	160	270	345	78	420	530	440
TETON nr Dutton	APR-JUL	7.1	13.8	22	43	35	71	51
	APR-SEP	8.3	16.5	26	44	40	78	59

SUN-TETON-MARIAS RIVER BASINS
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of January

Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage *** This Year	Last Year	Avg
GIBSON	99.1	11.9	40.9	45.8
PISHKUN	32.0	17.6	19.3	17.8
WILLOW CREEK	32.2	26.9	27.0	22.4
LOWER TWO MEDICINE LAKE	11.9	9.6	12.1	8.8
FOUR HORNS LAKE	19.2	10.6	13.8	11.9
SWIFT	30.0	14.4	20.3	15.5
LAKE FRANCES	112.0	34.9	35.2	66.8
LAKE ELWELL (TIBER)	1347.0	712.2	711.2	635.5

SUN-TETON-MARIAS RIVER BASINS
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - February 1, 2006

Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of Last Yr	Average
SUN	2	160	88
TETON	3	173	66
MARIAS	4	210	83
SUN-TETON-MARIAS	7	193	84

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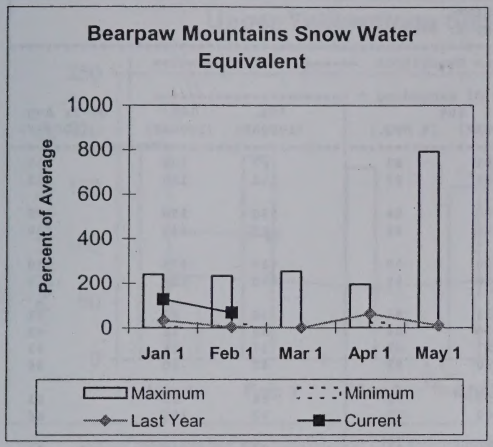
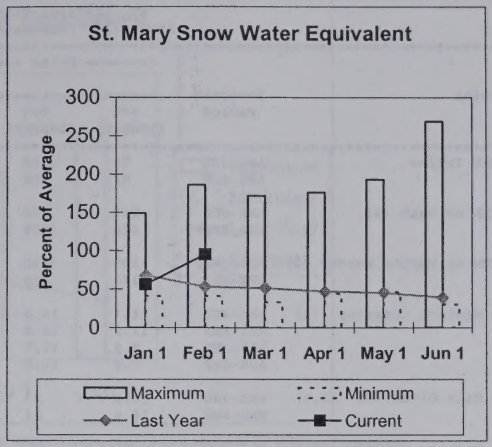
St. Mary and Milk River Basins

Snowpack conditions in the St. Mary and Milk River Basins were below average. Snow water content in the Saint Mary River Basin was 95 percent of average and 181 percent of last year. Snow water content in the Bearpaw Mountains was 107 percent of average. Snow water content for the Cypress Hills in Canada was 26 percent of average and 40 percent of last year.

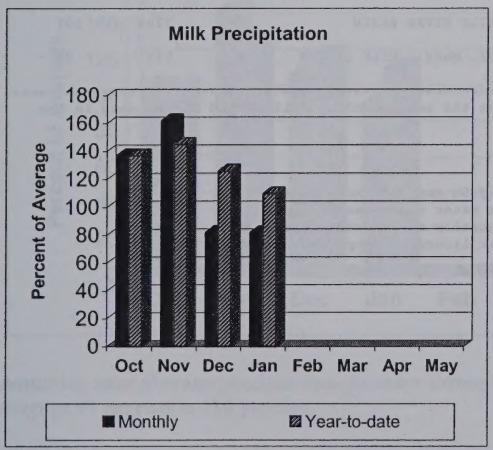


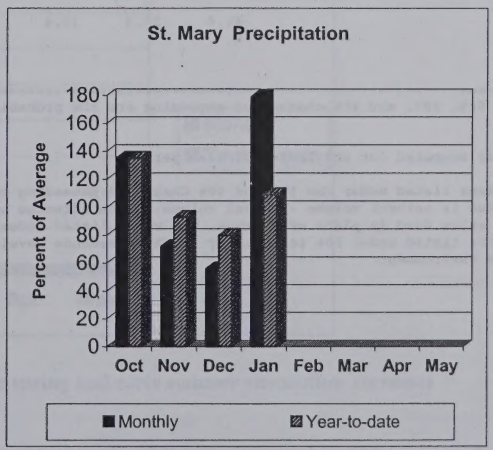


Bearpaw - January maximum swe was established in 1978 and minimum swe was in 1981; February maximum swe was 1978 and minimum was in 2001; March maximum swe was 1978 and minimum swe was2005; April maximum swe was in 1985 and minimum swe was in 1973, 1983, and 1986; May maximum swe was 1975 and the minimum, 0.0, has occurred in several years. Average is for the period 1971 through 2000.

St. Mary - January maximum swe was established in 1997 and minimum swe was in 1988; February maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum swe was in 1977; March maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum swe was in 2005; April maximum swe was in 1967 and 1972 and minimum swe was in 2005; May maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum swe was in 1977; and June maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum swe was 1992. Average is for the period 1971 through 2000.

Mountain and valley precipitation in the St. Mary River Basin during January was 179 percent of average and 278 percent of last year; and in the Milk River Basin during January was 82 percent of average and 187 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2005, was 110 percent of average and 144 percent of last year.





Assuming near average precipitation, January through July, the spring and early summer streamflow forecasts in the St. Mary should average 80 percent to 87 percent and in the Milk should average 41 to 84 percent.

Lake Sherburne storage was 154 percent of average and 96 percent of last year; Fresno storage was 98 percent of average and 134 percent of last year; Beaver Creek storage was not available; and Nelson storage was 104 percent of average and 90 percent of last year.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was -0.7 in the St. Mary River and +0.2 in the Milk River.

ST. MARY and MILK RIVER BASINS
Streamflow Forecasts - February 1, 2006

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<====== Drier ====== Future Conditions ======= Wetter =====>> Chance Of Exceeding * 90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (1000AF)	50% (% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
LAKE SHERBURNE Inflow	APR-JUL	76	85	91	87	97	106	105
	APR-SEP	92	100	106	87	112	120	122
ST. MARY RIVER nr Babb (2)	APR-JUL	265	300	325	84	350	385	385
	APR-SEP	315	355	380	84	405	445	450
ST. MARY RIVER at US/CAN Border (2)	APR-JUL	305	355	390	90	425	475	435
	APR-SEP	370	425	460	89	495	550	515
MILK RIVER @ Western Crossing (3)	MAR-JUL	11.1	16.0	33	81	46	67	41
	MAR-SEP	11.2	16.8	36	84	50	72	43
	APR-JUL	8.9	12.9	27	82	37	54	33
	APR-SEP	9.4	14.0	30	83	42	60	36
MILK RIVER @ Milk River, AB (2,3)	MAR-JUL	15.8	23	55	91	66	96	61
	MAR-SEP	16.4	24	60	92	72	105	66
MILK RIVER @ Eastern Crossing(2,3)	MAR-JUL	22	30	69	83	93	135	83
	MAR-SEP	22	32	75	86	99	145	88
BEAVER CREEK near Havre	MAR-JUL	0.3	4.7	7.7	80	10.7	15.1	9.6

ST. MARY and MILK RIVER BASINS
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of January

Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage *** This Year	Last Year	Avg
LAKE SHERBURNE	64.3	40.6	42.1	26.4
FRESNO	127.0	48.9	36.6	50.1
BEAVER CREEK		NO REPORT		
NELSON	66.8	35.5	39.4	34.2

ST. MARY and MILK RIVER BASINS
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - February 1, 2006

Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of Last Yr	Average
ST. MARY	2	181	95
BEARPAW MOUNTAINS	4	3200	107
CYPRESS HILLS, CANADA	0	0	0
MILK RIVER BASIN	4	3200	107
ST. MARY & MILK BASINS	6	233	97

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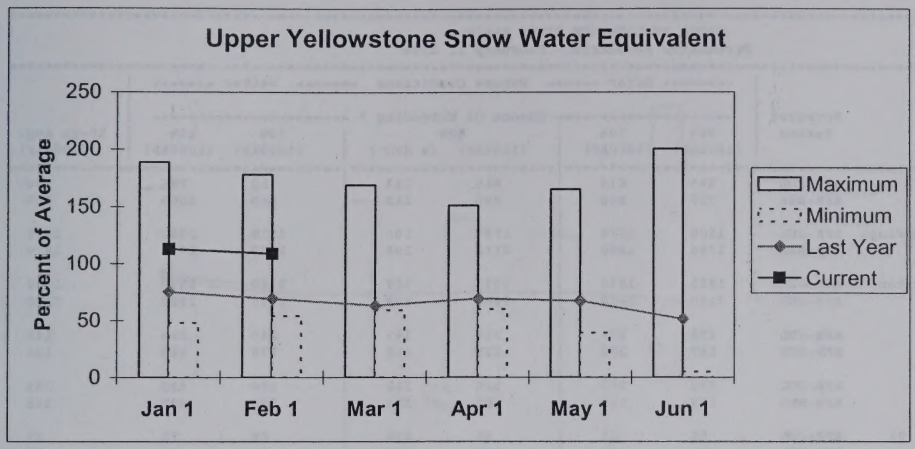
Upper Yellowstone River Basin

Snowpack conditions in the Upper Yellowstone River Basin were above average and decreased 4 percent from January 1. Snow water content was 109 percent of average and 160 percent of last year.



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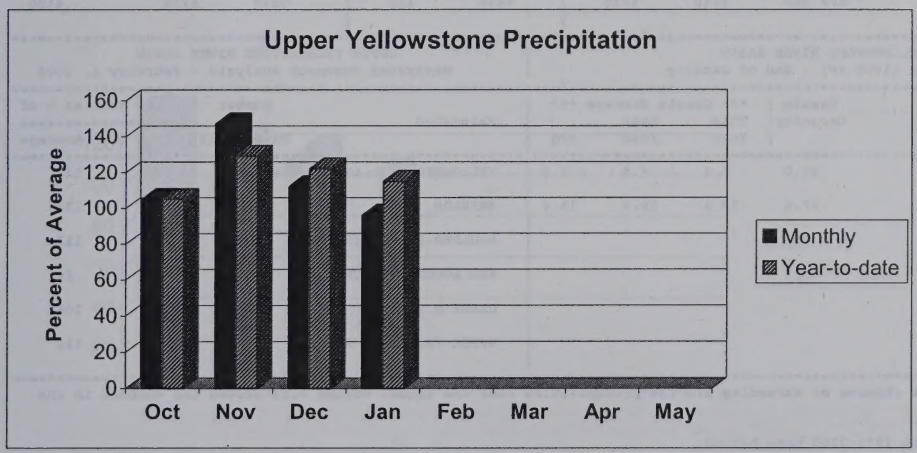
Mountain precipitation during January was 102 percent of average and 180 percent of last year. Valley precipitation during January was 44 percent of average and 58 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2005, was 115 percent of average and 153 percent of last year.



Assuming near average precipitation, January through July, the spring and early summer streamflow forecasts average 99 percent to 110 percent.

Mystic Lake storage was 100 percent of average and 133 percent of last year and Cooney storage was 124 percent of average and 93 percent of last year.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was +1.4 in the Yellowstone River above Livingston; +2.3 in the Shields River; +2.4 in the Boulder River; +1.4 in the Stillwater River; -1.2 in the Rock/Red lodge Creeks; +0.7 in the Clarks Fork River; and +1.4 in the Yellowstone River above Bighorn River.

UPPER YELLOWSTONE RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - February 1, 2006

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<====== Drier ====== Future Conditions ======= Wetter =====>> Chance Of Exceeding * 90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (1000AF)	50% (% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
YELLOWSTONE at Lake Outlet	APR-JUL	545	615	665	113	715	785	590
	APR-SEP	750	840	905	112	970	1060	805
YELLOWSTONE RIVER at Corwin Springs	APR-JUL	1500	1670	1790	109	1910	2080	1650
	APR-SEP	1790	1990	2130	108	2270	2470	1970
YELLOWSTONE RIVER near Livingston	APR-JUL	1810	1970	2070	109	2170	2330	1900
	APR-SEP	2180	2360	2480	109	2600	2780	2280
SHIELDS RIVER nr Livingston	APR-JUL	133	179	210	145	240	285	145
	APR-SEP	147	200	235	145	270	325	162
BOULDER RIVER at Big Timber	APR-JUL	245	290	320	112	350	395	285
	APR-SEP	275	320	355	113	390	435	315
MYSTIC LAKE Reservoir Inflow (2)	APR-JUL	55	61	65	110	69	75	59
	APR-SEP	71	78	83	109	88	95	76
STILLWATER RIVER nr Absarokee (2)	APR-JUL	425	485	530	107	575	635	495
	APR-SEP	515	585	630	108	675	745	585
CLARKS FORK RIVER nr Belfry	APR-JUL	445	505	545	101	585	645	540
	APR-SEP	500	560	600	101	640	700	595
COONEY RESERVOIR Inflow (2)	APR-JUL	12.7	29	40	85	51	67	47
	APR-SEP	22	39	50	88	61	78	57
YELLOWSTONE RIVER at Billings (2)	APR-JUL	2810	3360	3730	106	4100	4650	3510
	APR-SEP	3610	4250	4690	114	5130	5770	4120

UPPER YELLOWSTONE RIVER BASIN
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of January

Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage *** This Year	Last Year	Avg
MYSTIC LAKE	21.0	6.4	4.8	6.4
COONEY	27.4	19.3	20.8	15.6

UPPER YELLOWSTONE RIVER BASIN
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - February 1, 2006

Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of Last Yr	Average
YELLOWSTONE ab LIVINGSTON	15	160	112
SHIELDS	4	158	122
BOULDER-STILLWATER	3	161	117
RED LODGE-ROCK CREEK	1	163	64
CLARK'S FORK	7	165	106
UPPER YELLOWSTONE BASIN	26	160	110

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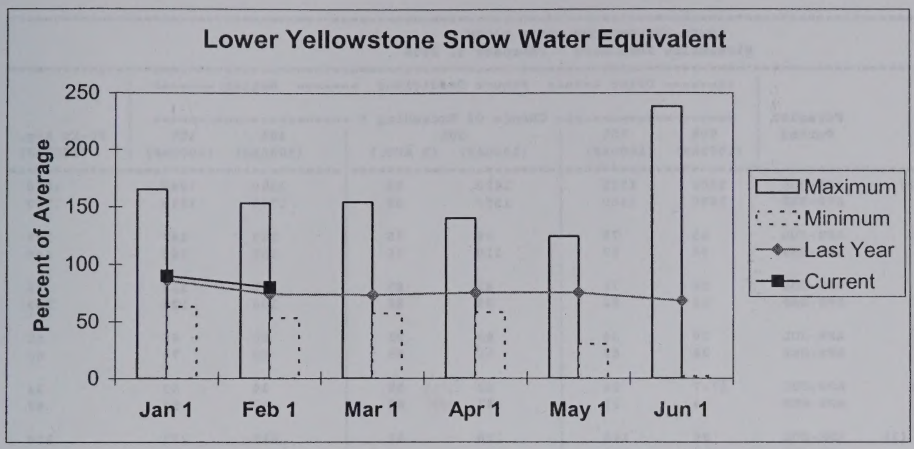
Lower Yellowstone River Basin

Snowpack conditions in the Lower Yellowstone River Basin were below average and decreased 10 percent from January 1. Snow water content was 80 percent of average and 108 percent of last year.



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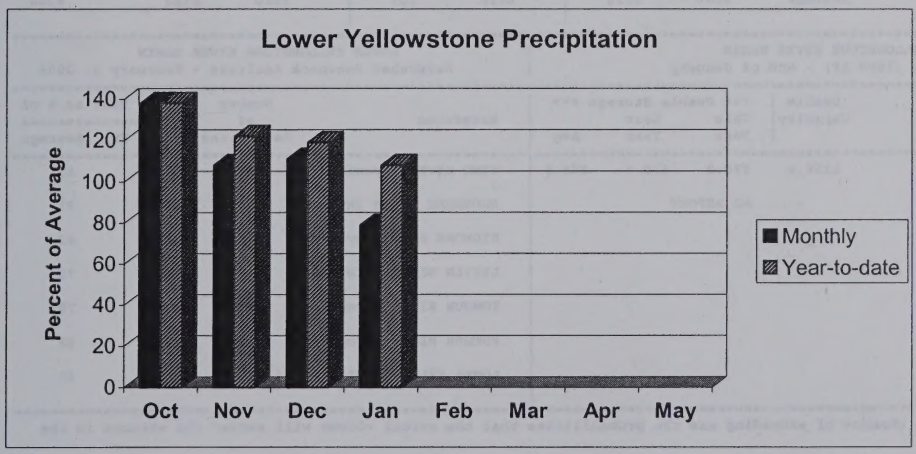
Mountain and valley precipitation during January was 79 percent of average and 124 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2005, was 108 percent of average and 130 percent of last year.



Assuming near average precipitation, January through July, the spring and early summer streamflow forecasts average 70 percent to 84 percent.

Bighorn Lake storage was 101 percent of average and 130 percent of last year and Tongue River storage was not available.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was -0.5 in the Bighorn River below Bighorn Lake; -0.4 in the Little Bighorn River; +0.5 in the Yellowstone River below Bighorn River; not available in the Tongue River; and -0.2 in the Powder River.

LOWER YELLOWSTONE RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - February 1, 2006

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<====== Drier ====== Future Conditions ======= Wetter =====>> Chance Of Exceeding * 90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (1000AF)	50% (% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
BIGHORN RIVER nr St. Xavier (2)	APR-JUL	1000	1250	1420	88	1590	1840	1610
	APR-SEP	1090	1360	1550	88	1740	2010	1760
LITTLE BIGHORN RIVER nr Hardin	APR-JUL	45	75	96	75	117	147	128
	APR-SEP	54	87	110	76	133	166	144
TONGUE RIVER nr Dayton (2)	APR-JUL	54	71	82	85	93	110	96
	APR-SEP	63	82	94	86	106	125	109
BIG GOOSE CREEK nr Sheridan	APR-JUL	20	34	43	83	52	66	52
	APR-SEP	28	42	51	85	60	74	60
LITTLE GOOSE CREEK nr Big Horn	APR-JUL	17.7	24	29	85	34	40	34
	APR-SEP	24	32	37	88	42	50	42
TONGUE RIVER RESERVOIR Inflow (2)	APR-JUL	85	140	178	81	217	272	220
	APR-SEP	102	160	200	80	240	300	250
YELLOWSTONE RIVER at Miles City (2)	APR-JUL	4230	5060	5630	105	6200	7030	5360
	APR-SEP	4880	5850	6510	105	7170	8140	6210
POWDER RIVER at Moorehead	APR-JUL	68	129	170	83	210	270	205
	APR-SEP	92	153	195	85	235	300	230
POWDER RIVER near Locate	APR-JUL	119	156	181	77	206	241	235
	APR-SEP	137	175	205	79	235	275	260
YELLOWSTONE RIVER nr Sidney (2)	APR-JUL	4200	5060	5640	103	6220	7080	5480
	APR-SEP	4840	5820	6490	103	7160	8140	6280

LOWER YELLOWSTONE RIVER BASIN
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of January

Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage *** This Year	Last Year	Avg
BIGHORN LAKE	1356.0	870.0	670.6	859.5
TONGUE RIVER		NO REPORT		

LOWER YELLOWSTONE RIVER BASIN
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - February 1, 2006

Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of Last Yr	Average
WIND RIVER (Wyoming)	19	95	83
SHOSHONE RIVER (Wyoming)	6	147	87
BIGHORN RIVER (Wyoming)	20	125	82
LITTLE BIGHORN (Wyoming)	3	114	75
TONGUE RIVER (Wyoming)	11	120	78
POWDER RIVER (Wyoming)	9	110	82
LOWER YELLOWSTONE BASIN (	48	108	80

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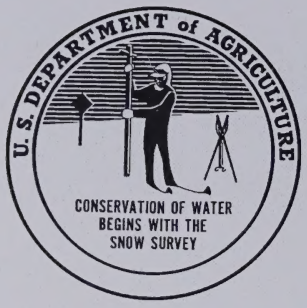

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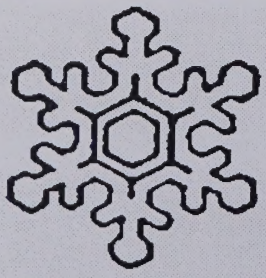

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